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Veterans Honor Fallen Soldiers, Family Members



Proclamation Recognizes Tribes



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Members of both Colorado Ute Tribes gathered at City Hall before City Council, an audience of Tribal members and Ute Royalty to accept a proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month. Chairman Matthew Box calls on Southern Ute Royalty during introductions at City Hall in Durango on Tuesday October 20, 2009. Standing alongside of Chairman Box were Durango Mayor Leigh Meigs, Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Ernest House, Vice Chairman Gary Hayes, Council Member Manuel Hart, as well as Southern Ute Council Members Alex Cloud and Marge Borst. Ute Mountain Ute Royalty are also pictured standing alongside of Tribal Council.

His reflection caught in the polished marble, Ronnie Baker of the Southern Ute Veteran's Association plays the Taps during honoring ceremonies for US Soldiers who lost their lives fighting in Afghanistan. The honoring ceremony took place at the Veterans Park located on Tribal Campus last Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

Tribe Receives Visit From Chairman Levings Of Three Affiliated Tribes



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Standing Left to Right: Councilman Alex Cloud, Council Lady Ramona Eagle, Southern Ute Chairman Matthew Box, visiting Chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, Marcus D. Levings, Council Lady Barbara Scott-Rarick, Councilman Steve Herrera, and Council Lady Marge Borst. This photograph was taken in Southern Ute Tribal Council Chambers following comments from visiting Chairman Levings and Growth Fund's Red Willow Production Company representatives on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

Southern Ute Tribal Council

Special to the Drum

Utes and how their achievements are greatly respected by his own

Chairman Marcus D.
Levings of the Three Affiliated
Tribes, New Town, South
Dakota, spoke with Southern Ute
Tribal Council and Red Willow
on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.
The purpose of the visit was to
expand business relations and
enhance existing contracts.
Chairman Levings spoke of the
professionalism of the Southern

are greatly respected by his own tribes; The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Akikara.

Both Chairmen are members of the Executive Board for the Council of Energy Resource Tribes based in Denver, Colorado and recently met in Palm Springs, California for the 66th National Congress of American Indians. The Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT) was formed for Tribes by Tribes. CERT is a "true" Inter-Tribal organization that is dynamically changing and challenging the federal-Indian relationship. The Energy Resource Tribes govern, control, and direct CERT. Each Tribe is represented on the CERT Board of Directors by an elected official to voice their opinions.

Chairman Box and Chairman Levings will be presenting a Federal testimony during an Energy Reform Hearing to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs this Thursday, October 22, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

Tribal Lands Radiate Fall Colors



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Autumn's brilliance was exemplified along the Pine River last week, as the fall foliage began to peak in various shades of orange and yellow in and around Ignacio.

Meet The Candidates Night



Monday, November 2, 2009 6pm - 8pm Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center



October 23, 2009

Sentencing Authority Of Tribal Courts Considered By Congress

Southern Ute Public Defender

Senate Bill 797 has been introduced in the United States Senate. The bill is known as "The Tribal Law and Order Act Of 2009". The Act's purpose is to enhance law enforcement activity in Indian country. It seeks to achieve this goal in a number of ways. Two provisions, however, are of particular note.

If the Act becomes law, it will amend the Indian Civil Rights Act and allow tribal courts to impose sentences of up to three years in jail, and fines of up to \$15,000. The penalties that may be imposed would apply to each charged offense. If two individuals get in a fight at the local bar, and one person punches the other, that person can expect to be charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery, and harassment. Under the sentencing guidelines proposed by the

submitted by Tim Heydinger Act, that person could be looking at up to nine years in jail (three years for each charged offense) and a fine of up to \$45,000 (\$15,000 for each charged offense). This is a significant departure from the one year in jail / \$5,000 fine that tribal courts are now authorized to impose as maximum penalties.

> Second, if the Act becomes law, it will authorize tribal courts to order offenders to serve their incarceration in federal prison instead of the tribal jail. While this would only apply in certain cases, this is significant power to give to tribal courts.

Giving more power to Indian tribes is a good thing. Increasing the maximum penalties that tribal courts may impose will help ensure that more cases are prosecuted in tribal court, and fewer cases are referred to the federal government for prosecution. After all, crimes committed by Native peoples on Native land should

be prosecuted in the appropriate tribal court.

The sentencing provisions of the current Tribal Code focus on rehabilitation and not punishment (i.e., jail or prison). This is as it should be. While the proposed Act would authorize Tribes to punish more harshly, this doesn't mean that punishment should be preferred over treatment and rehabilitation. In fact, communities are better served by having offenders engage in treatment rather than simply locking them up.

If the Act if it becomes law, it does not mean that all crimes suddenly will be punishable by a maximum of three years and/or \$15,000. The existing Tribal Code sentencing provisions, and the Code's preference for treatment and rehabilitation, will remain in effect until amended by the Tribal Council. If, when, and how the Tribal Council acts in response to the Act remains to

"As I See It"

Special to the Drum

Tribal Councils should be fair and impartial in their judgment calls. They must do a thorough investigation about the concern/concerns before they render a resolution to the concern. They cannot or should not be manipulated by any member of this tribe. When this occurs we see members accusing each other of evil maneuvers and judging who is right or who is wrong. I, specifically, call to mind the recent suspension of the Southern Ute Tribal Elders Committee. Did Barbara Scott know what problems occurred with the Elders' Committee or the problem/problems. They did she compromise her position never approached the Elders' as a Tribal Councilor and wield Committee. They even have a her position to show us, tribal members, her abusive power and control?

I cannot respect any Councilor when they fly by the seat of their pants, ranting and raving that they know what they are talking about as it relates to the Elders' Committee.

Good managers, those who care about their employees (Committees of the Tribe function as employees), seek to find win/win situations for all parties involved. This Tribal Council, maybe because they are too young or lack the primary basics for good manage-

by Arlene Millich ment, cannot envision fair and impartial judgment when innuendos and gossip comes to their attention.

> Tribal Councils, who possess good management skills, must understand the total problem they believe exists. In the suspension of the Elders' Committee, the Tribal Council has not given any specific charges, which they believe, the committee violated. It must be surmised that the Tribal Council had members of this tribe, who had specific complaints, come to them and voice their complaints. When this occurred the Tribal Council could have come to the Elders' Committee and try to remedy liaison from the Tribal council who is suppose to come to our meetings and let us know what is happening with the Tribal Council and vice versa. Further, the Tribal Council should have directed these individuals (making complaints) back to the Elders' Committee with their complaints. This is where these complaints should have been addressed. If, these complaints had not been thoroughly addressed, then the next step is to go to our supervisor, Chairman Box. The chain of command is: complainer goes to the Elders' Committee (not

the Tribal Council); resolution is not favorable for the complainer; complainer goes to our supervisor, Chairman Box; resolution is still not favorable; the final determination is with the Tribal Council. In the case with the suspension of the Elders' Committee, the complainer goes to a tribal council member and she makes a motion to suspend the Elders' Committee. When these protocols (chain of command) have been violated, then the Tribal Council should be brought up on Ethic violations, like any other department of this tribe. There is a clear violation of chain of command with the Elders' Committee.

Do I really want to bring Ethic complaints against these Tribal Council members (Barbara Scott, Ramona Eagle, Marjorie Borst and Chairman Box)? Absolutely not, because we (tribal members) have to pay for all the expenses involved in any Ethic violation procedure. I don't have the time or money to invest in an inconsequential process. I do know that I will not be voting for Barbara Scott, Ramona Eagle, Marjorie Borst, or Chairman Box in the near future.

I write this article as an individual and a member of the Elders' Committee and do not speak for all the elders of this particular committee.

May ku nus ak

Express Your Opinions

Mann Family Thanks

Alyssa and Connor Scusa and the Mann Family would like to thank the Tribal Council, the So. Ute Veterans and friends for all their support and prayers in our recent tragedy of our beloved Michael. We cannot express how much all the outpouring support has meant to us here on the reservation and all over the U.S.. Most of all we want to thank our family for their love and support, we truly are blessed to have all of you in our lives.

> Alyssa and Connor Scusa and the Mann family

Thompson Thoughts

Tribal Members,

I have been reading the minutes and have noticed the tribe is considering building a youth detention center. My thoughts on this are in wonder, why are we spending millions on a facility when it is the Ute families that need stronger counseling? The money to build this could be allocated to a program on building stronger families. I have gone thru the wellness program, which I hear tribal probation officers refer to it as hellness court. No wonder our families are in duress. When we have no support of tribal court employees how can a tribal family, who are ordered to use the program, succeed? At first I had my doubts on this program until I noticed it was meant for families to come together. I had to figure that out for myself.

It sounds to me like the persons provoking this facility are looking for job security, without the UTE people's concerns. Please keep our youth in mind when discussing this facility; we have to make this a positive move for ALL OF UTE FAMILIES, before allowing this to happen, for we are building their future with these types of programs. It is like we are giving up on our youth and when they act out we are just

going to throw them in jail?? Come on now, let's keep our families together. Love and respect must not be learned in JAIL. I am dead serious in this matter and I am sure I am not alone.

At the general meeting, we were presented with information and a survey on this facility named youth rehabilitation center with groundbreaking taking place, Where is the building going to be? We as tribal members should be informed. I have asked several members if they know where this is going to be and some say they didn't' even know it was in the works. We need communication.

As far as the elders committee goes, my father was a member and when his seat was up he chose to give someone else a chance at being on the committee stating he had done his part, that it was up to the "younger" elders to take over. All of us will be elders some time in the future. We should treat each other with respect and honor. May the creator be with us all.

> Thank you for your time. Willette Thompson, Census #629

IHS Update

Dear Patient: After four long years of litigation, the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Tribe were ordered to agree upon a transfer of control of the federally operated Southern Ute Health Center to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, effective October 1, 2009.

The court order was issued on September 16, 2009, giving the Tribe and IHS two weeks for the transition, a process that normally takes six to eight months. In the interests of continuity, the Tribe sought to maintain all health center employees; however, some Clinic employees chose to instead transfer to another IHS location, leaving the health center extremely short staffed when the Tribe assumed control on October 1st. The Tribe is currently recruiting temporary physicians and pharmacists to provide coverage until permanent positions can be filled.

The new governing body of the health center is the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council who is responsible for providing direction in all areas including: budget, strategic plans, clinical staff credentialing, appointment and re-appointments, legal medico-legal issues, and facilities. I continue to serve as the CEO of the health center advising Tribal Council on all health related matters. All previously existing policies and procedures remain in effect until revised or modified by the governing body.

Direct care non-emergency services continue to be provided to person(s) regarded as eligible within the scope of the Indian Health Services. Per regulation, this includes persons who are of Indian and/or Alaska Native descent, an Indian of Canadian or Mexican origin recognized by any Indian Tribe or group as a member of an Indian community serviced by IHS, a non-Indian woman pregnant with an eligible Indian's child for the duration of her pregnancy through post partum (usually 6 weeks), a non-Indian member of an eligible Indian's household and services determined by the medical officer in charge to be necessary to control a public health hazard or an acute infectious disease.

Contract health services (CHS) continue to be provided to CHS eligible patients per previous policy until further notice.

Additional information will be forthcoming as improvements are made. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 970-563-4742 should you have any questions.

Thomas C. Duran, CEO

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Mary Monte

Job Title: Financial Apprentice

Description of Duties: To complete an Apprenticeship in each position within the Finance Department. Those departments include Purchasing, AP/AR, Payroll, Contract & Grants, General Ledger and Fixed Assets.

Hobbies: Rockin' out, my Harley and watchin' the Phoenix Suns. Family: I have a son named Peyton. My parents are Victor and Stephanie Monte.

Tribe: Proud Southern Ute.

Comments: I would like to thank the Apprentice Committee for the opportunity and Helene Peabody for all of her support and profession-

Shirley L. Bancroft

Job Title: A/P-A/R Tech Hobbies: H.D. Rider, fishing, camping and travel. Family: Have 2 sons, (1) in Denver and (1) in Durango. Tribe: Navajo



4th Annual Pumpkin Splash!

SunUte Community Swimming Pool Fri., Oct. 30, '09 6pm - 8pm

Free for Sun'Ute members, Regular \$4 admission fee for non-members.



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Tribal Update

Elder Christmas Project

Attention All interested Southern Ute Tribal member/immediate families. The Southern Ute Extension is in the process of completing the annual Christmas project for the elders 70+ and Foster Care Youth for 2009. If you are interested in working with the Southern Ute Extension Department cutting, sewing and decorating approximately 100 Christmas Stockings. The hours varies, the days to meet is Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. We will meet at the Southern Ute Higher Education Building; the target deadline to complete the stockings is the first week of December. We would like to thank all the volunteers that assisted last year. Last year we made decorated Christmas stockings for the foster care youth, but this year with your help we can include elders, 70+. We appreciate any hours you wish to donate to make Christmas enjoyable for elders and foster care youth. We will have felt, scissors, sewing machine and stocking pattern available. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Ella Louise at (970) 563-0220.

Oranges! Oranges! Oranges!

The Seven Rivers 4-H Club are taking orders for gift boxes of oranges! Each box contains quality California oranges at \$16.00 per 14 lb. box. Deadline to order is Friday November 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. To place your orders please visit the Agriculture Building located at 655 CR 517. Make check or money order payable to the Seven Rivers 4-H Club. Delivery will be made on Wednesday December 9, 2009 Any questions please call Leonora Burch at (970) 563-0220 or ext. 3504. Thank you for supporting our local youth!

Attention All Tribal Young Women Ages 16 - 25!

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee is accepting applications for the Miss Southern Ute 2009-2010 title. As you may know, the committee did not receive any contestants during the pageant on Aug. 26th, 2009. The committee is posting this announcement for 1 month – the deadline to turn in an application to the Southern Ute Royalty Committee is Oct. 30th, 2009. Applications & Rules can be picked up at the LCB Building, from Tileta Jefferson, MIS Dept., 2nd floor. Tileta can be reached at (970) 563-4712. Tileta is also available to answer questions you may have regarding the posting, the rules for Miss Southern Ute & selection process which is forthcoming with the new 2009-2010 Southern Ute Royalty Committee.

Ignacio Schools "Relay For Life" Teams

The Ignacio Schools relay For Life teams will be hosting a "Curing Cancer Crafts" Crafts Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2009, at the Ignacio High School. Booth space will be available for \$10.00 (table included). If you are interested in reserving a booth or for more information please contact Kelly at (970) 884-0247.

LOST BIKES!!!

The Southern Ute Police Department has recovered bicycles. If you are missing your bike please call the Police Department (970) 563-0246. Be prepared to give a description, serial number and color of your bike for ownership verification.

Ag. Extension Now Selling Pinto Beans

All Southern Ute Tribal member/immediate families. The Southern Ute Extension will have second order on November 3, 2009, P.M. Deadline for payment is October 30, 2009. We have ordered extra 10/10 pounds bags and 10/20 pound bags of pinto beans. Advanced payment is required. We will not accept telephone orders. The prices are listed here: 10 lb. Pinto beans, \$5.50; 20 lb. Pinto beans, \$11.00. For more information contact Ella Louise at (970) 563-0220 x 3503.

Public Service Announcement Readers Wanted!

Some of you may have heard already that we are looking for some volunteers to read public service announcements about diabetes and health for recordings that can be played periodically on KSUT. We have a few recorded already, but would like to get about 10 more. The recordings only last about 30 seconds to 1 minute. You will be able to say your name if you'd like to, or if you'd rather not that is fine. I am trying to get a variety of community members and staff involved, and we would be very appreciative if you were willing! If you are able to help us with this, please let us know. Lorena Richards, from KSUT, will work with you to find a time in your schedule when you able to stop over to KSUT building to record. She has also offered to come to you at your office if you are not able to get away. Please contact Lorena at Lorena@ksut.org, or call at (970) 563-0255 if you can set up a time for recording.

Seeking Elder's to SHARE

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is looking for Elder's to participate in the "Grandparent's Program". We invite you to come and share your stories, traditional values, and any talents you may have in art, traditional music, traditional clothing, traditional food, traditional dance or from your life experience. The Ute classroom enjoys involving elders in teaching our children first hand from your hearts! You will be paid a stipend from our Grandparent's Program Funds, and transportation can be provided if needed. Come and see for yourself what your children are learning and be a part of their future. If you are interested in sharing, please call (970) 563-0253 ext 2701. Thanks for caring enough to share!

Candlelight Vigil

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Our Sister's Keeper Coalition is sponsoring a Candlelight Vigil on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. It will be held at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park in Ignacio, CO starting from 5:00-6:30 PM. In case of inclement weather, the Vigil will be held in the Hall of Warriors - Leonard C. Burch Tribal Complex. The Vigil is to remind our tri-ethnic community that we will not tolerate violence to any member of our community and to remember whose persons who have died violently. Bring a friend, share your story and wear something purple. If you would like to help with our effort, please contact our office. The Mission of Our Sister's Keeper Coalition is dedicated to the actions that promote the safety and sovereignty of all families and to honor the fundamental value of those who experience violence by providing inclusive victim services, educational programs and community outreach, all which help survivors achieve long term financial and self sufficiency.

Ignacio High School Offers Sheds To Community

Ignacio High School Building Trades class offers custom built sheds to community members. The students take orders and build the sheds during class time with instructor Gary Hansen. Once the shed is completed, the students deliver the shed to the owner. The class is in their second year of building and delivering sheds and will soon start remodel jobs. Future plans for the Building Trades class is to remodel homes and build a complete house. If you would like to purchase a custom built shed from the Building Trades class, contact Gary Hansen at (970) 563-0544.

Miss Southern Ute Royalty Update

2009-2010 Southern Ute Royalty

Jr. Miss Southern Ute A-mya Bison
Jr. Miss So. Ute Alternate - Autumn MedicineBlanket
Little Miss Southern Ute - Alexandrai Roubideaux
Little Miss So. Ute Alternate - D'Vondra Garcia

2009-2010 Southern Ute Royalty Committee

Jennifer GoodTracks - Chairperson
Albert Bison - Vice-Chairperson
Mikki Roubideaux - Treasurer
Lorena Richards - Secretary

Debra Watts - Parent Representative for Jr. Miss So. Ute
Joycelyn Dutchie - PowWow Committee Representative
Evalyn Russell - Committee of Elders
Amy Barry - Public Relations Division
Ramona Eagle - Tribal Council Advisory Member

If there are any complaints, suggestions, etc. contac Lorena Richards at (970) 563-0255 or lorena@ksut.org. In addition, the royalty meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month unless stated otherwise and open to the tribal membership.

StarVVhees November Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

Update

X SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21) BIRTHDAY GREETINGS SAGITTARIUS! Clear out

the cobwebs and tie up loose ends. With several planets poised to enter your sign later in the month this might be the perfect opportunity to de-clutter your life. A fresh cycle is imminent and it begins on the 20th. The time to wrap up old projects is now. The Current planetary positions are encouraging domestic harmony, love, and close relationships. November is a pivotal month for you Sag make peace with unresolved domestic issues if need be and then move forward.

Yo CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20) A friendly New Moon on the 16th sets unique and promising possibilities into motion. It also signals a bright beginning to your future plans. SATURN your ruling planet enters into a relentless stand-off with PLUTO by the 8th testing professional matters. Be prepared to persevere CAPRICORN, great changes take time and patience. It's best to just go with the flow, it's the most positive course to take.

≈ AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19)

The sure way to success is to live up to your financial obligations. While your planetary ruler (NEPTUNE) is residing in the money area of your chart, excesses should be avoided. Set up a plan to manage your finances then stick to it. A favorable halo of energy hovers over the financial sections of your chart like a protective blanket. Make wise use of it Aquarians it won't last too long. In today's economy sensible spending is a must!

∀ PISCES (February 20-March 20)

This month you may find yourself looking beyond your immediate goals and peering into the future. The NEW MOON on the 16th commences a more fortuitous phase for PISCES folks. Some of you may be ready to expand your spiritual objectives, while other Fishes might be more interested in travel. Love is in the air on the 2nd when VENUS glides into a favorable connection with NEP-TUNE. Sparks fly and excitement surrounds you. Some Fishes may even be feeling extra generous on that day.

Y ARIES (March 21-April 20)

SATURN'S unrelenting deadlock with PLUTO persists all month. As a result relationships with partners and others may be thorny at times. Be nice RAMS, a little patience goes a long way towards maintaining the peace. Because SATURN is also considered the work planet, job or employment matters may become an issue. Pay attention to the way you communicate with co-workers or those in charge. More diplomacy is definitely called for this November.

∀ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

A FULL MOON in your sign on the 2nd indicates a bit of opposition with partners and others. This is not the month to involve yourself in stubborn stalemates TAU-RUS. The planets are not in your favor. Instead strive for cooperation. After the 16th a new wave of activity begins. Do what you can to promote domestic harmony. MARS in the home and family section of your chart may stir up a pot full of petty squabbles which can lead you into heated arguments at the drop of a hat. Be cool Taurus people.

Ⅲ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Serious SATURN in LIBRA complements your sign and also sets the tone for the month. SATURN encourages self-discipline and a good work ethic. Chances are that you may have given some thought towards adopting a more healthful routine with diet and exercise. Be especially vigilant with your spending habits Twins. Teamwork with others is a plus while on the job. Sidestep petty conflicts, some things are just not worth arguing about.

© CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Moon Kids who are planning a family get together on Turkey Day should avoid bringing up touchy subjects. Focus instead on the joy of being together. The NEW MOON on the 16th in compatible SCORPIO offers up assorted entertaining activities for you to revel in. This intense moon can also attract romance and cozy relationships. It's possible you may find yourself spending extra money impulsively, be practical Moon Kids. Your sign is tops when it comes to saving money.

O LEO (July 23-August 22)

Your new BF (best friend) MARS currently taking up residence in your sign signifies an active couple of months ahead and the focus is squarely on your personal intentions. More than likely you'll feel more inspired to get things done. Just remember this is the action planet which can sometimes cause you to be too forceful. The bottom line is to be extra considerate of the wishes of others. The bonus is that you are likely to receive a helping hand in return.

W VIRGO (August 23-September 23)

Take a deep breath VIRGO you're headed into a lively period. Don't let the faster pace deter you from your focus. Your ruling planet MERCURY enters into an inflexible relationship with NEPTUNE on the 11th. November's emphasis is on communication of all types. It's important to mind what you say to others, especially when on the job. Adaptability is the key word this month. As your daily pace quickens you are apt to get pulled in several directions at once.

$\underline{\Omega}$ LIBRA (September 24-October 23)

A starry-eyed outlook is not exactly what the planets have in store for you during this period. Rather it's a more realistic view that you'll be seeing. The big news is that SATURN the organizational planet has slipped into your sign on the 1st and there is no doubt you are feeling more responsible already. Get used to it LIBRANS, SATURN plans to live in your sign for about 2 1/2 years. This is the one planet that rewards an honest day's work, no procrastination LIBRA.

M SCORPIO (October 24-November 22)

The NEW MOON in your sign offers up plenty of innovative possibilities for you to explore this fall. Personal plans need to be reviewed, remember to add some entertainment, fun, and excitement into your agenda. Creative activities keep you busy and satisfied. You're on a roll this month SCORPIO! Partners or those closest to you tend to appreciate your efforts more than ever now.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

Birthday Wishes and Memories

Mom, Happy Birthday!!! We just wanted to tell you we love you very much and You have always been the best mother and grandma anyone could ask for! We are thankful for all things you do for us. Have a wonderful day!! Celebrate and Be Happy, you deserve it!

Love Always, Esther & Davian



Daviar

I would like to wish you avery Happy 2nd Birthday on the 28th. That was the day god blessed me with you! One of life's greatest hoys is raising a son like you; you are the best! There is never a boring moment with you in my life! You are everything a parent could hope for in a son! You mean the world to me, I Love You Very Much!

Love Always, Your mom Esther



Congratulations to FCYAFL 6th Grade Bayfield Wolverines who will be playing Sat., October 24, 2009 in the Four Corners Championship Game in Farmington, NM. It is unknown at this time who their opponent will be. The winner of the championship game will be traveling to Albuquerque to participate in the YAFL Super Bowl. Pictured is Tribal Member, Arnulfo Pardo III, #55, who plays Nose Tackle and Defensive End for the team. The 6th Grade Bayfield Wolverines are currently undefeated. The Head Coach is Dereck McCoy and Assistant Coach is Dion Phelps.

Frances,

Happy Birthday Sister & Auntie! this is a very special birthday wish and it's espeially for you! It is o let you know how much we appreciate you and enjoy having you in our

GOODLUCK WOLVERINES!

lives. Love you very much!

Love Always,

Esther & Davian

For Sylvian Gunn 9/23/46-2/09/08 Memories of You

The angels led you safely home, But left some things behind TREASURED GIFTS

beyond compare,
Those of a special kind.
You left behind your gift of
love, You gave so faithfully.
You left behind the ones you
loved many cherished
memories and from early
dawn to setting sun,
each day my whole life
through my heart will
hold a special place,
For memories of you.

Judith Bulock Morse



Truly Missed by family &

friends

Happy Birthday Andrew, We love you and hope you have many more!!

Dad, Amy, Ty & sister



Of Four Corners Interest

First Vaccination Clinic Will Begin October 22

Vaccinations are only for Parents, Sibling, and Caregivers of Babies under Six Months. San Juan Basin Health Department is holding its first H1N1 flu vaccine clinic on Thursday, October 22. This clinic is ONLY for parents and siblings of babies under six months old and daycare providers who care for babies under six months old. The CDC has designated this as a high risk group since babies younger than six months can't be vaccinated against the flu, yet are at high risk for serious complications. The H1N1 Flu Vaccine clinic on Thursday, October 22nd will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. The vaccine is free. This clinic is primarily for people who can receive the FluMist nasal vaccine – that is, individuals between 2 and 49 years of age who are not pregnant and do not have chronic health conditions. When additional H1N1 vaccination clinic locations and dates are confirmed, we will update our FluLine (970) 247-5702, ext. 1520 and our website: (www.sjbhd.org). For more information about H1N1 you can visit (www.sjbhd.org) and (www.flu.gov) or call toll-free the Colorado Helpline at 877-462-2911

Wildfire Fuel Reduction Project at Dalla Mountain Park

The City of Durango is pleased to announce the continuation of Fire Wise Durango, an effort to lessen the risk of wildfire in our community. With a \$21,211 Community Forest Restoration Grant from the Colorado State Forest Service, the Southwest Conservation Corp. will assist the City in reducing wildfire fuel loads in Dalla Mountain Park. Vegetation and ladder fuels will be hand-thinned in the vicinity of the parking area and main road leading into the park. Work began on Tuesday, October 20, and continue through November 13, 2009. The community are asked to use caution while enjoying the park during the four-week time period.

Three Springs Fall Festival Is This Year's Halloween Place To Be

On Saturday, October 31st from 11 am - 2pm, at Three Springs Plaza, parents looking for a great place to entertain the kids on Halloween will find everything they need at the Three Springs Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31st from 11 am until 2pm at Three Springs Plaza. In its third year, the Three Springs Fall Festival has new events this year including door to door trick or treating, a coloring contest and Monster Mash Run. According to Mary Gwinn, Neighborhood Services Coordinator at Three Springs, the merchants and residents of Three Springs are very involved in this year's event. Digs Market Cafe will host a cookie walk, Anytime Fitness will host the area's first Monster Mash Run, and there will be free hotdogs, popcorn and more at the Tierra Group Model Home. Guests are invited to attend in costume to trick or treat from door to door. There is also a coloring contest this year with contest forms being available at the Three Springs Information Center and Mercado District stores and offices as well as online at threespringsdurango.com. Live music in the Plaza by the Kitchen Jam Band, face painting, potato sack races, a bouncy house, and more will provide something for children of all ages. Halloween at Three Springs - a Fall Festival for the whole family. For more information, visit threespringsdurango.com

Wes Studi, Headlines FLC Native American Presidential Lecture Series

Internationally-renowned actor, director, artist and author, Wes Studi, will speak at Fort Lewis College as part of the 2009 Fort Lewis College Native American Presidential Lecture Series. The public is invited to attend the presentation, "An Evening with Wes Studi," by Mr. Studi at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 7 p.m. No tickets are necessary, but come early to make sure you get a seat. For more information, visit http://www.durangoconcerts.com or call (970) 247-7657. Born in Oklahoma, Mr. Studi's first movie role was in 1988's "Powwow Highway." Since that time, he has appeared in more than 60 films and television episodes. Some of his most recognizable roles are as Magua in "The Last of the Mohicans," as Geronimo in "Geronimo: An American Legend," and as Detective Casals in "Heat." According to IMDB.com, Mr. Studi has six projects in various stages of production awaiting release. Prior to his presentation at the Concert Hall, Mr. Studi will spend the day with Native American students at Fort Lewis College, including a discussion with students and faculty at the FLC Native American Center. The popular FLC Native American Presidential Lecture Series brings prominent members of the Native American community to Fort Lewis College. In the past, such speakers as Wilma Mankiller, Sherman Alexie and M. Scott Mommaday have visited campus

Discovery Museum Selects Colarelli Construction; Phase II Contractor

After a formal request for proposal and review process, the Durango Discovery Museum has selected Colarelli Construction as general contractor for the Phase II remodel at the Powerhouse. The museum's Phase II project will include remodeling the two buildings currently on the 1333 Camino Del Rio site and creating a river-facing public plaza around the existing smokestack, all to accommodate the planned interactive science center, labs, workshops, and offices set to open late in 2010. The museum's construction committee cited Colarelli's reputation, experience with similar projects, use of local subcontractors and labor, and substantial in-kind commitments as key reasons for the choice.

PowWow Trails 2009

3rd Annual IMGR&C Contest PowWow October 24, 2009

October 24, 2009
Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino • Mescalero, NM

Contact: Ms. Gina R. Klinekole (575) 464-7336

Email: ginaklinekole@innofthemountaingods.com

Web: www.innofthemountaingods.com

5th Annual "49" PowWow October 24, 2009

SunUte Community Center • Ignacio, CO
Contact: Shining Mountain Diabetes Program (970) 563-4741

October 31, 2009

Denver Indian Center, 4407 Morrison Road • Denver, CO Contact: (303) 936-2688

Colorado State University PowWow November 7th

Lory Student Center Main Ballroom • Ft. Collins, CO Contact: NACC (970) 491-1332 or Delbert (970) 310-4836 Email: dwillie@engr.colostate.edu

Honoring Our Nation's Veterans PowWow

November 7, 2009

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Ignacio, CO Contact: Lynda (970) 769-3395

Colorado State University PowWow November 7, 2009

Lory Student Center • Fort Collins, CO
Contact: Delbert Willie (970) 310-4836
Email: csuaises@yahoo.com

23rd Annual Red Mountain Eagle PowWow

Web: www.engr.colostate.edu/aises

November 7-8, 2009

1839 N. Longmore Road • Scottsdale, AZ Contact: Connie Carlisle (480) 577-9460 Email: CarlisleCE@aol.com

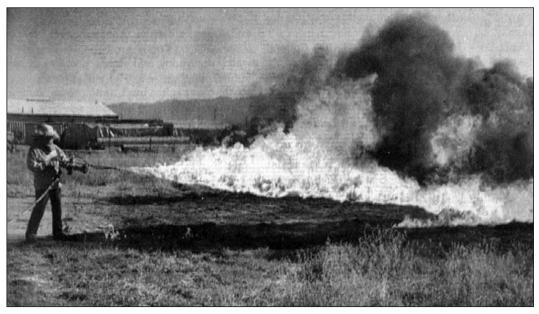
United Native Council Veterans PowWow

November 14, 2009
600 Wyoming NE • Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Susan Eswonia (505) 514-3233 Email: unitednativecouncil@yahho.com

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Web: unitednativecouncil.com





10 years ago...

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"Stand Back" Tom Morgan, with the SUIT Conservation Division, tests a new flame thrower-like tool which will be used for ignition of controlled burns on Tribal lands. The flame thrower was used for a controlled burn in Sandoval Canyon.

This photo was published in the October 22, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



20 years ago...

Chairman Burch reviews a proposal for future developments on the reservation and in the town of Ignacio as part of the Colorado Initiatives Program sponsored by US West. The Tribe and Ignacio are in the running for \$25,000 Grant for improvements such as lighting.

This photo was published in the October 27, 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

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30 years ago...

Joe Williams and Fritz Box discussing things over at the Senior Citizens Dinner.

This photo was published in the October 26, 1979 issue of the Southern

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Tribal Housing Department Logo Contest – Tribal Members Only

1st place - \$200 Gift Card; 2nd Place - \$100 Gift Card; 3rd Place - \$50 Gift Card Winners' choice of either a Home Depot or Wal-Mart Gift Card

Please hand-deliver Logos To the Tribal Housing Department located in the white modular in the old casino parking lot by Monday, November 2nd at 4p.m.

Logo's must be:

- Clean and legible
- Able to be enlarged or reduced
- Submitted on an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper and at least 6"
- Logos can be:
- Either hand drawn or computer design
- Tri-color or black and white

Logos will be on display for Tribal Members and Tribal Employee's to vote on their favorite during the Tribal Housing Open House on Tuesday November 3rd, 2009. TRIBAL HOUSING DEPT. OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009 10AM-2PM



Ute Language

TööÇnapì "Chokecherry"
Nuurüvüachì "Pinon Nut"
Paana "Bread"

Editor's Note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996

So. Utes, Veterans Gather In Remembrance Of Soldiers

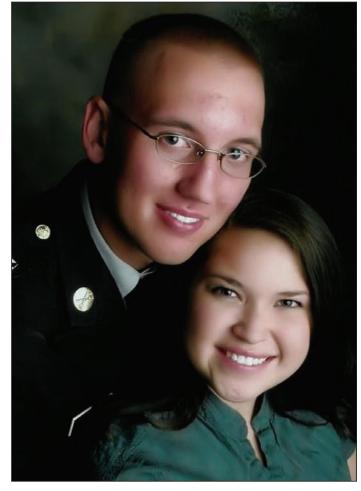
A Hero To Us All

Army Spc. Michael Patrick Scusa was born on October 5, 1986 to George Scusa and Cindy Woodyard. Michael grew up in Villas, New Jersey where he graduated from Lower Cape May High School in 2005. Right after graduation, Michael enlisted in the United States Army. After boot camp, Michael was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs. While stationed there, he met the love of his life, Alyssa Mann, and they dated for 2 years.

October 2006, Michael was deployed to Iraq as a Cavalry Scout and for what was to be a year deployment, turned into 15 months. While he returned for R&R, Michael and Alyssa discussed marriage and did their paperwork before Michael returned back to duty. Their marriage became reality on May 9th, 2007. Michael finally came home on December 31, 2007 from a long hard tour.

September 19, 2008, Michael and Alyssa welcomed their baby boy, Connor Allen Scusa. From cutting the umbilical cord and the first hours of his life, Michael never left his son's side. He was the proudest father. Connor's middle name, Allen, was for one of Michael's best friends who was killed in action while they were in Iraq.

Michael and Alyssa spent every day as one little happy family, experiencing married



life, parenting and building a life together. They bought a house in Fountain, Colorado a few minutes from Ft. Carson.

Michael deployed to Afghanistan in May 2009. It was a somber, teary eyed goodbye, but we all knew in our hearts he would return to us alive and well. But that was not the case come October 3, 2009.

Michael touched everyone's hearts even if knowing him for an hour or a lifetime. He truly enjoyed life being out on the firing range, watching his sci-fi movies or out on the lakeside fishing. He was a proud soldier that believed in what he was doing. He will be so truly missed and will forever be embedded in our hearts and memories forever. He was a great fun loving man, wonderful husband, a devoted father, among many other roles, but most of al, he was a brave unselfish soldier and a hero to all.



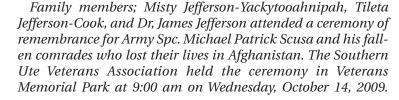














Southern Ute Tribal Council members Barbara Scott-Rarick, Marge Borst, and Ramona Eagle each expressed their sympathies and offered condolences to the family. Members of our local drum groups sang honor songs, Veteran Ronnie Baker performed "Taps", and Veteran Jim Lynch struck a cord on his bagpipes in remembrance of those who lost their lives for our coun-



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

try. Family member BJ Webster and his wife Stella Webster were also in attendance. VSO - Rod Grove, said some words in honor of their fallen Comorade, as did other members of Veterans Association. The honor ceremony was held under blue skies and received a strong attendance from the community.

H1N1 Flu Vaccination Effort To Begin In La Plata And Archuleta Counties

Media Release San Juan Basin Health Dept.

La Plata County and Archuleta County received their initial supply of H1N1 vaccine today. These first 800 nasal spray doses are being distributed to hospitals for vaccinating their front line health care workers and to other medical providers with direct patient contact. The nasal spray vaccine is licensed for healthy people age 2 through 49 who are not pregnant. "It's important that these first relatively few doses go to people who are seeing sick people," said Lynn Westberg, San Juan Basin Health Department Director. "That way both the patient and health worker are protected."

The next shipment of vaccine is expected the end of next week. This small allotment will be targeted to pregnant women and people who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age. H1N1 vaccination is voluntary and will be provided to target groups first, those at highestrisk of getting H1N1 flu and developing complications of H1N1 flu, based on CDC scientific analysis of disease activity. "We need to ensure that those most vulnerable in our community have the opportunity to get vaccinated first," Westberg said. "We want our community to know that no shortage of H1N1 flu vaccine is currently expected." Once demand by the higherrisk groups has been met and supplies are available, H1N1 vaccine will be provided to any-

H1N1 flu vaccine will be available to members of the public beginning in mid November as part of a large-scale effort involving local agencies, physician offices, pharmacies - all coordinated by the San Juan Basin Health Department. Some of these agencies include: the Medical Reserve Corps, Upper Pines Fire District, and area school districts.

one who wishes to receive it.

San Juan Basin Health Department plans to provide community H1N1 vaccination clinics at various locations as well as at schools throughout La Plata and Archuleta Counties beginning early November. Additionally, some local providers have agreed to administer the H1N1 vaccine to their patients.

Individuals will be offered H1N1 vaccine in one of two forms - nasal mist or shots, depending on their age, health status, vaccine availability, and other factors as determined by public health experts. Both are designed to cause the body to create antibodies to fight H1N1 flu. The Federal government is supplying the H1N1 vaccine as part of a massive effort to battle the H1N1 flu pandemic. The vaccine will be provided by the Health Department at no charge.

For updates on future clinic dates and times: visit San Juan Basin Health Department website (www.sjbhd.org) or call our FluLine at (970) 247-5702, ext. 1520. You can also call Colorado's toll-free Help Line at 1-877-462-2911 for a live operator with your flu questions.

Flu Season's Starting, Get Ready Now!

The flu season is starting and will normally last through the fall and winter months. More than one kind of flu virus will be spreading this season, including seasonal flu and the 2009 H1N1 flu. If you get the flu, you can get sick and spread the flu to others at home, at work, and in the community. Symptoms of flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea. People may be infected with the flu, including 2009 H1N1, and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

If you feel you are getting sick from work and contact your supervisor to get approval for your absence. Once approved, you should go home and rest. Stay at home until at least 24 hours after your fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius) is gone. Your temperature should be measured without the use of fever-reducing medicines that contain ibuprofen or acetaminophen, such Tylenol®. Medications like this can reduce your temperature and give a "false reading" of what your temperature actually should be if you were not using these medicines.

Also remember to cover your coughs and sneezes and wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcoholbased hand rub or sanitizer. If flu season conditions become more severe, we will take additional steps to avoid spreading the flu virus in the workplace.

You need to be prepared as well.

Get the vaccine for seasonal flu as recommended. For more information, please see

(www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm). If you signed up with Health Services, you can get a seasonal flu shot at the Employee Health Fair November 6, 2009.

The H1N1 vaccine will be available through your health care provider or county health department. Get the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine when it becomes available if you are at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 flu complications. People at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 flu complications include children younger than 5 years of age, people 65 years of age or older, pregnant women, people of any age with chronic medical conditions to include, but not limited to, asthma, heart at work, plan on being absent disease, or diabetes. For more information about priority groups for vaccination, visit (www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/acip.htm).

Make plans to be prepared to care for sick household members or for children when schools dismiss students or child care programs close. Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home. Have the following items on hand: a supply of fever-reducing medicines that contain acetaminophen or ibuprofen, alcoholbased hand rubs, tissues, and other items that may be useful and help you avoid the need to make trips out in public while you are sick. It is also a good idea to stay hydrated and drink plenty of liquids during your illness.

By working together, we can protect our work place while having a productive fall and win-

If You Are Not Feeling Well. Please do NOT come to work if you are sick with flu-like symptoms. Supervisors should encourage sick employees to stay home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever or signs of a fever such as "the chills", feel very warm, having a flushed appearance, or excessive sweating. As stated before, your symptoms should be monitored and measured without the use of medications that contain ibuprofen or acetaminophen in order to obtain a more accurate assessment of your true condition

If you are in one of the high risk categories explained in the previous section of this document and you are sick, contact your health care provider as soon as possible to obtain medical advice and recommendations regarding your condition. Your health care provider may prescribe antiviral drugs that are most effective when started within 2 days of getting sick. In addition, emergency warning signs that the sick person may need urgent medical attention include the following:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and increased coughing

For more information about the flu, visit:

www.flu.gov

www.colorado.gov/nofluforyou

www.sjbhd.org www.readycolorado.com/epi-

demics.php **CoHELP** 1-877-462-2911 Colorado's Help Line has toll free live operators answering

questions about flu and H1N1. The Southern Ute Tribal Hotline 970-563-4800 has information about closure of Tribal operations and phone numbers for updated flu information.

This message brought to you by the Southern Ute Risk Management

Health Fair at Sky Ute **Casino Event Center**

Fri., Nov. 6, 2009 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sponsored by Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services

Health Screenings: Cholesterol Testing; Glucose Screening; Blood Pressure Checks; Heart & Body Imaging; HIV /AIDS

Awareness Programs: Diabetes; Heart; Cancer Other Health Services: Acupuncture; Audiologists; Car Seat Safety Check; Chiropractors; Eye Care Providers; Holistic Healing; Mammogram Party; Massages; Natural Health Care; Womens Resource Center

The Kidney Corner: "Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes"

by Dr. Mark Saddler, MD Durango Nephrology Associates

In the last edition of the Kidney Corner, we discussed the importance of controlling blood pressure. Such control can very effectively prevent the complications of high blood pressure including stroke, blindness, heart disease and kidney failure. Although medications are often needed to control high blood pressure, it is important to start with non-medicine approaches to controlling blood pressure. We call these "therapeutic lifestyle changes" and they can be extremely effective for blood pressure control. Although it can be difficult to maintain a change in one's lifestyle, these efforts usually don't cost anything and don't have any side effects so they are in many ways better than medications.

Exercise is one effective lifestyle modification which has been shown to markedly improve blood pressure. I am often asked "which exercise is the best for me?" There have been many studies done on this subject and in general, they have shown that it doesn't matter what form of exercise is done- the benefits to the cardiovascular system are about the same. A recent study



even showed that it doesn't matter whether exercise is "aerobic" (endurance type exercise like running, biking or swimming) or "anaerobic" (strengthening type exercise like weight lifting); again the benefit to the cardiovascular system is about the same. For people who have problems with joints or muscles, some types of exercise which put less strain on the joints, for example stationary biking or swimming, can be more enjoyable. Another consideration regarding choice of exercise is that "weight bearing exercise" (walking or running) can be more beneficial for prevention of osteoporosis by improving calcium deposition in bones.

A long term commitment to an exercise program is essential for it to be effective. So, my usual

answer to the question "Which type of exercise is best for me?" is to ask the patient "What kind of exercise do you like doing best?" I feel that the exercise a person enjoys the most is the one they will stick with the best. Thirty minutes five times per week is a reasonable goal for exercise.

October 23, 2009

Weight loss is another effective way to reduce blood pressure. Exercise and calorie restriction are the most beneficial ways to achieve this. Even loss of a modest amount of weight can be extremely beneficial in blood pressure control. I don't recommend high protein diets for weight control. Although they can result in rapid weight loss, they are often associated with rapid return of the weight, and their safety is not well established. Long term weight loss is better achieved by balanced calorie restriction, maintaining a diet high in nutritional value.

We will be discussing more about diet in future editions of the Kidney Corner. But no discussion of Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes would be complete without mentioning the importance of sodium (salt) restriction. This can have a dramatic effect in reducing blood pressure and greatly assists control, whether patients are on blood pressure lowering medications or not.

2nd Annual Wellness And The Sacred Woman Summit

Media Release Lewis College Native American Our Sisters Keep Coalition

he 2nd Annual Wellness All Generations" will be held on Sioux, South Dakota. November 6th and 7th, 2009 at The four separate forums ar Ballroom Building, Durango, CO. The Summit will begin at 9:00 to 5:00 each day. Lunch will be provided and early registration will assist with our planning of meal preparations. The summit is sponsored by the Fort

Center and Our Sisters Keeper Coalition.

The Keynote Speaker will be Karen Artichoker, Former and the Sacred Woman Summit Executive Director, Sacred "Weaving Networks of Safety for Circle, Cangleska, Inc., Oglala

Fort Lewis College, Union 1) Working with children who have witnessed violence in their home, 2) Reclaiming the sacredness of victim's through spiritual healing and wellness, 3) Domestic violence and methamphetamine: "A Co-Occurring behavior on Native lands." and 4)

Men's perspectives: Preventing violence against Native women.

To register Online: www.oursisterkeeper.org or Fax in the registration: (970) 403-1158

The Mission of Our Sister's Keeper Coalition is dedicated to the actions that promote the safety and sovereignty of all families and to honor the fundamental value of those who experience violence by providing inclusive victim services, educational programs and community outreach, all which help survivors achieve long term financial and self suffi-

To Benefit Diabetes Education



Master of Ceremonies: **Arena Director: Host Northern Drum:** Host Southern Drum:

Head Gourd Dancer:

Pat Trujillo **Bruce LeClaire** Shiprock Agency Southern Mountain Intertribal **Andrew Frost**

GOURD DANCE will start @ 3:00 pm Dinner Break (Provided) @ 5:00 pm Pot Luck=Side Dishes, Salads & Desserts GRAND ENTRY will start @ 6:00 pm



Saturday October 24, 2009

SunUte **Community Center** Ignacio, Colorado

Fun Run/Walk @ 11:00am

Adult Halloween Contest

Children's Halloween Contest

Other Special Contest

And more.....

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Sponsored by The Shining Mountain Diabetes Program CALL (970) 563-4741

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SU Indian Health Services

Pregnancy Sessions

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm SunUte Community Center

209 Mouache Circle, Ignacio, CO

(970) 563-0214

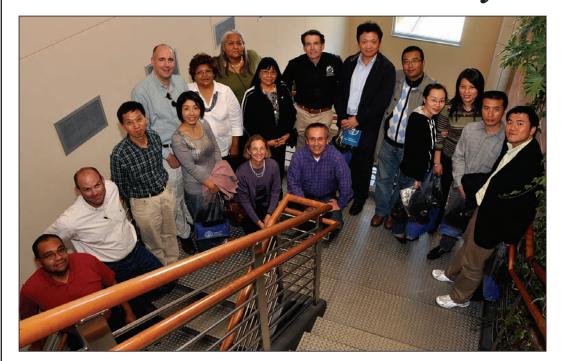
Oct., 27: Breast Feeding

Nov., 10: Labor & Delivery

Dec., 1: Postnatal Support

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Solix Investors Tour Facility

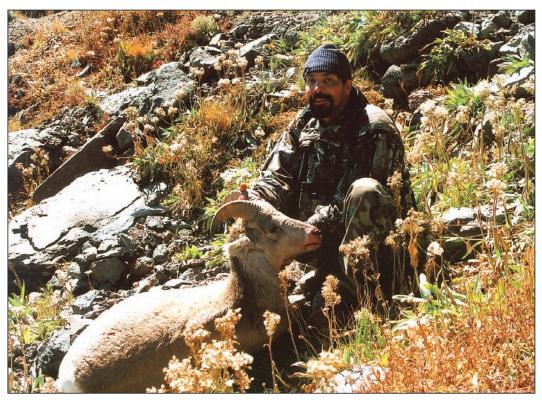


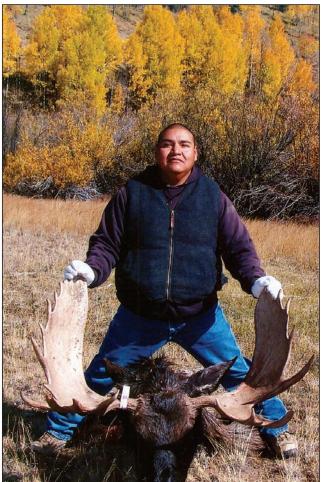


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The international investment group, Shanghai Alliance Investment Ltd. ("SAIL") has made considerable investments in Solix Biofuels in order to increase development opportunities in Asia. Chinese investors Xiaohong Cai, President of SAIL, Xidong Sun, Associate President, Director Industry & Technology Division, and their team members paid a visit to tribal lands on Friday, October 16, 2009. The purpose of the visit was to gain first hand knowledge of the Solix pilot plant in which SAIL has made investments. Southern Ute Tribal Council, Growth Fund Employees, representatives from Solix and visiting dignitaries from China (top photo) gather together following their tour of the Solix facility. Dr. Bryan Wilson of Solix (bottom photo) and Doug Henston, CEO of Solix Biofuels, welcome their investment partners to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Brunot Hunting A Success





photos courtesy/SU Division of Wildlife

Hunting with his Brunot bighorn sheep tag, Matthew Martinez (top photo) harvested this ram on October 5, 2009 in the Weminuche Wilderness Area. Matthew wants to thank the following people for helping and supporting him on his hunt: Lance Taylor with Taylor Guides and Outfitters, Christopher Winterhawk and family, the Gun Doctor and the Southern Ute Wildlife Division. Most of all Matthew wants to thank the Creator for helping him persevere and succeed on this physically and mentally challenging hunt.

Elmer Rock (left photo) harvested this impressive bull moose on September 30, 2009 while hunting in the Brunot Area within the Rio Grande National Forest. Elmer wants to thank the Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Wildlife Division for their work on implementing the Brunot hunting program and he also wants to thank the Tribal membership for their support during his moose hunt.

American Indian Heritage Month





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Durango Mayor Leigh Meigs (left photo) read the Proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at Durango City Hall. Joining her in front of City Council was Southern Ute Chairman Matthew Box, Ute



PROCLAMATION AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH November 2009

WHEREAS, the original inhabitants of North America, American Indians, have endured and remain a vital cultural, political, social, and moral presence that has been an integral part of the American character. Tribal America has brought to this great country certain values and ideas that have become ingrained in the American spirit: the knowledge that humans can thrive and prosper without destroying the natural environment; the understanding that people from very different backgrounds, cultures, religions, and traditions can come together to build a great country; and the awareness that diversity can be a source of strength rather than division have played a unique and distinguished role in our nation's history and culture through vital contributions to government, medicine, education, religion, architecture, environment, and military; and

WHEREAS, National American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated to recognize the intertribal cultures and to educate the public about the heritage, history, art, and traditions of American Indian people; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate American Indian Heritage Month while we take note of the injustices that have been suffered by American Indian people. Even today, few enjoy the full bounty of America's prosperity. But even as we look to the past, we must also look to the future. Along with other Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives will face new challenges in the coming century. We can ill afford to leave any of our people behind. Tribal America must figure as prominently in our future as it has in our past; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durango recognizes its longest continuous residents, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, as well as all other Tribal Nations and Alaskan Natives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durango honors the contributions of the American Indian people, and encourages its citizens to actively seek knowledge about the history and heritage of the American Indian people; and

WHEREAS, Fort Lewis College recognizes its unique history and its use as an educational outpost specifically dedicated to American Indian education, including the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes in particular (and in fact provides the most baccalaureate graduates of Native decent in the country), and does continue to provide higher education for all American Indian people (tuition free), which opportunities further strengthen the ties between Native cultures and the Durango community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leigh Meigs, as Mayor of Durango, Colorado, in recognition of the heritage, history, art, and traditions of American Indian people, encourage citizens to commemorate these contributions with appropriate programs and activities, and do hereby proclaim November, 2009 as:

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH



Candidate Statements For Southern Ute Tribal Council

Southern Ute Tribal **Council Candidate Byron Frost**



My name is Byron Frost and I am running for tribal council. I am married to Eta Frost and have three children Brian Frost, Deanna Joseph and Arron Frost (deceased). My parents are the late Jack and Annetta Frost. I have worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for approximately 15 years as a Civil Engineer Technician, and held positions with the tribe as Lands Division Head, Manager of Red Bear Construction, and with the Wildlife Department as a Tribal Wildlife Officer. I am experienced and knowledgeable in both tribal and federal policies and procedures and can review the documents to assist tribal members when needed.

The reason I have decided to run is because Today's council seems to lack the respect, leadership and experience to make good sound decisions. Although they are a young group it is my opinion they make decisions with their emotions. Leadership is not picking on individuals or groups because they make you angry, leadership is about finding solutions to help the tribal members

and also listening to what problems and concerns the tribal members may have and doing something about it.

My parents had a good saying which was "It's always good to make waves in calm waters as this will always stir up some good results". This is what needs to be happening by our leaders. I will make the waves in the tribal administration to hire our tribal members and to aggressively seek to make changes and restructure the departments for the betterment of our tribal membership.

As I walk through the halls of

the tribal buildings I ask myself where are all the Nuuchi? It seems that they have been chased away from being employed by their own tribe. If elected, I will change the political view of how the Personnel Department views our tribal members for employment. This political home is pretty will secure for the non-tribal members employment. I will aggressively lobby to change this view by putting the directors and division heads on employment contracts, this way each will be accountable for their actions especially if there is a constant action of denying tribal member employment in their respective departments. My vision is to see 75% tribal member employment in these buildings. It is apparent that our tribal members are constantly denied employment. It is also apparent that the work ethic is pretty poor, employees are constantly away from their workstations and tribal members can't get information they need. If elected I will lobby to make these changes. When a tribal member has a job it creates a satisfaction of accomplishing positive results for his or her family.

I have attended general meetings and have constantly heard about housing issues for many years now and we still have the same issues. I wonder what our tribal planner does with his free time. That department needs to find areas for housing development. We have young families still living with their parents because there is a housing shortage. Land should be available for these young tribal members, there seems to be a lack of helping the tribal members get land. If elected I will pursue housing issues by helping identify housing development areas and make sure there is funding allocated, strive to open up more land for individual tribal members.

Our Tribal members that live off the reservation have been forgotten, they need help just like the tribal members that live on the reservation. For example, if we are fixing up tribal members houses on the reservation they should also be giving the opportunity to have funding to fix up their houses. If elected I will be the voice for those individuals living off the reservation as well as the ones that live here on the reservation.

Tribal Credit is another concern; their policies need to be revised to better serve the tribal membership. Whenever we start following the structure of other banking institutions it becomes harder for tribal members to be approved, even though they have paid their loan on time. When tribes were recognized to handle their own affairs, they were considered to be self governed, this triggered the tribes to become more involved in P.L. 638 contracts. The credit program is P.L. 638 contract, because of the Self-Determination Act we are able to create a policy that fits the needs of the tribal membership without interference of

Government because of the government-to-government relationship. If elected I will pursue to and Procedures.

The assignment holders have been paying Operation and Maintenance (O&M) fees for water delivery to their agricultural assignment to the tribe for many years and it is my belief that we shouldn't be paying these fees.. The tribe initially pays the government for the O&M fees to deliver water to tribal land so why should the assignment holders be burden with these fees. The water we use is very important to the non-Indians, so it is important that we use every bit of the water before they take it away from us. If elected, I will seek to remove these O&M fees.

Education should be always number one goal for our tribal members and we should make every effort to have them meet their goals. Because of high cost of living it would only make sense to raise the scholarship funding to meet the increase cost. I would like to see the students be funded at least three months after they have completed their education and receive their degree or certificate that way they will have funding to live on and also find a job or return back to the reservation to work for the

As you know because of the recession, our younger generation has lost quite a lot of money. I would have thought our Tribal CEO would have put their funding into bonds or CDs for protection earlier before they had lost a lot. It is important that whoever is elected that they understand the financial portfolio of the tribe and how this operates. We have invested into a lot of companies and we are struggling to meet our 15% return, this should raise a investing into any more compa- know that it takes a majority of nies until this recession has Tribal Council to approve items ended., If elected this will be my focal point so that we will have ed, I will always put our people

Multi-Purpose, and the Juvenile have the figures; it is going to take some good analysis to come up with some funding to pay for the staff and equipment that is needed. I would look at using the operation plan.

language; we don't talk or know it anymore. How do we get the tribal members involved? I would like to see all our elders get together and discuss this issue. I support anyone that you all. Thank you. strives to teach the Ute Language

to the tribal members. This will be my number one priority to keep the language alive through change the Tribal Credit Policies the teaching of the elders that know it.

In closing, I have mentioned only a few issues that face our tribal members today, there is various issues that affect your life that I believe the leaders are not paying attention to. Vote for me on November 6, 2009 and I will be attentive to your needs.

Southern Ute Tribal Council Candidate Joyce Delaware



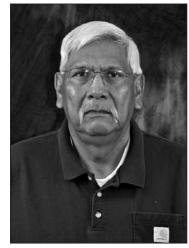
Hello Southern Ute Tribal Members,

My name is Joyce Delaware. I am Southern Ute, Cheyenne and Caddo. My mother is Elicia "Ellie" Grove Neash. My father is the late Alfred Armstrong. I have 3 children. I currently reside in Ignacio. My education consists of a high school diploma and a couple Associate Degrees. I have held past employment for approximately 10 years with the Southern Ute Election Board. I am currently employed with KSUT Radio.

I have chose to be a candidate for the upcoming General Election. I believe the welfare of our people should be top priority when making important decired flag that we shouldn't be sions based upon the Tribe. I set forth on the agendas. If electmonies set aside for our younger first...My heart and door will always be open. I am the type of There are new buildings going person that will give my 100 up today; the Museum, the percent. I have had many struggles in my 38 years of life. I Detention Center. The operation know how it is to live off the cost of these buildings will be reservation. I never try to sugar tremendous, although I don't coat anything. If I don't have an answer, I will find it. I believe health care, education, housing, financial gain are important to our people. Most importantly, I believe in our culture and tradiexisting services and programs tions in making decisions. I will and incorporate these into the always do for our people, for every generation. Never forget-One of my concerns is our Ute ting where I came from, and what blood runs through my veins. So on the upcoming election, I would appreciate your vote and support. May the Creator Bless and watch over

Joyce Delaware

Southern Ute Tribal Council Candidate Howard D. Richards



My name is Howard D. Richards Sr. I am running as a candidate for the position of Tribal Council member.

What I've heard from most of the membership is health care. As your council member, I would look on developing a health care plan that would meet the needs of the entire membership. As of this date, I have never heard as to how the take over of Indian Health Service is going to impact you. It's my hope that working with the council, we can get a better understanding of its workings.

Another part of the Health issue is living healthy. Our Administration can and will be more pro active in an educational mode to assist the entire membership on being healthy.

As you are aware the economy has impacted our way of life. Having heard from the growth fund it is clear that we have to tighten our belts. This presents administration had to look in the future. Administration needs to look at how we deliver with what we have. Council needs to evaluate the growth of the administration.

The other priority of mine is education. Again it is to meet with our education department for the purpose of understanding on what is being provided to you and are we meeting our goals. Another is meeting with all superintendents of school districts to see if they are meeting the needs of our students.

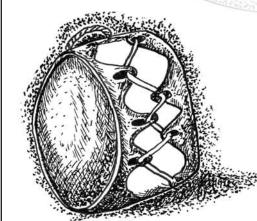
Another priority is Housing. As our membership grows, so does the need for housing. As you are aware our memberships exceeds the guidelines for HUD Homes. I believe we have a better understanding through surveys of the needs of you our membership. We need to look 10 years into the future, this meaning on meeting with your housing director on developing a plan on housing issues into the future.

I will look closely to the immediate need of our housing-home repair, weatherization. How does ours service provider fit into this issue? Are they meeting their goals and objectives? As your Council member I need to carry forward the letter that was mailed to the





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Candidate Statements (cont.)

membership on the survey on the status of our housing. I speak to the promise of home repair and our elder's as number one priority.

Another priority is our land. What are we doing or not doing, giving back to what the Creator has given us. We take from the land but never give back. We need to look at reservation maintenance. We need to hold meetings with our Natural Resources Staff, Energy and others to identify the need of our land and wildlife.

The need on my part is to review our financial plan to see if all the above would work. If not, see how and what Council needs to do to make it work.

The other issue is working more closely with the Growth Fund. I will look and work with the Director of the Growth Fund. This is to address many of your issues that I've heard.

The final point is, why should you vote for me?

I bring to the membership many years as a Council Member, Vice Chairman and Chairman, since 1991.

I have an Administration background as Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Knowledge of our Tribal Laws; served as a Police Officer and Wildlife Officer. 1979-1986

I have worked with present employees of existing Tribal Administration.

I am willing to listen to your concerns and find a resolution to your concern.

I am a people person.

I am an Honorably Discharged combat Veteran. (Vietnam) member of our Veteran Association.

Have testified before Congress on many issues. Sovereignty, water, jurisdiction, land, Tribal jails, courts, education.

Worked with the White House on invitation of the President on round table discussions on tional issues.

I feel it is very important you look at my position on issues and accomplishments as you prepare to cast your vote in he upcoming election for Tribal Council member.

As a Tribal leader, as a Council member I will protect your rights, your interests, and never put my

personal needs before yours.

So in closing, I ask of each and every one of you, your vote and

May the Creator watch over each and every one of you. Respectfully Submitted, Howard D. Richards, Sr. Candidate for Tribal Council

Southern Ute Tribal Council Candidate Corliss Taylor

Member



Tribal Members,

The purpose of this article is to ask for your vote to elect me to the position of tribal council on Friday, November 6th. As one of the seven candidates running for this position I can "humbly" say with my knowledge and experience qualifies me for the position and have lived on the Southern Ute Reservation majority of my 58 years.

I've served on tribal council from 1997 to 2000 and was involved in development and approval of the financial plan, Tribal Retirement Plan, tribal school, tribal scholarship program, and the recreation center to name a few examples. Then I worked for the tribe as the Executive Assistant to the Chairman and Council under two great administrations (Chairman Energy Development and educa- Clement Frost & Chairman Howard Richards). Prior to 1997 I worked 23 years with the Federal Government (4 years with the BIA and 19 years with Indian Health Service).

On a personal note I've been divorced and remarried for 23 years, but now a widow. Raised all three of my children, one

niece, and one grand daughter here on the reservation and also devoted my time to caring for my mother, Emily Taylor, who was handicapped up to the day she died. Currently the Chairperson for the Southern Ute Pow Wow Committee and was very involved with my daughter, Marcy Herrera, when she held all three titles of the tribal royalty and also Miss Indian Colorado. Since the death of my of my husband, Javin Herrera, I decided to take some time off to recuperate. I am sure those that have experienced a death can relate to what I've experienced. But now it's time for me to move on and believe I can still contribute to the tribal membership and work with those on tribal council who want to make a difference for the best interest of the membership.

The important thing I see is that since we have two major structures (Permanent Fund: To provide services to the membership and Growth Fund: To make money for the membership) under the tribal organization we need to continue to support the Financial Plan. Currently one would think since other entities around us are in "recession" that the tribe (Permanent Fund) would also be effected, but they are still hiring just by looking in the Drum or Durango Herald. So are the needs of the membership truly being met and receiving quality customer service? I attended the Growth Fund General Meeting on Friday, October 9th, and due to the "recession" they are down sizing in staff, being very conservative in the business market, and doing away with those businesses that are not profitable. Starting Fiscal Year 2010 the Growth Fund will be contributing 100% funding to the Permanent Fund and I think they too need to start being more conservative on their spending. I also learned from the meeting that recessions by history trends last up to two years, so we still need to be very concerned about the spending.

Again I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

> Respectfully submitted, Corliss M. Taylor, Candidate for Tribal Council

Tribal Member Receives "Outstanding Tourism Volunteer Award"

Media Release Sky Ute Casino Resort

Mikki Naranjo-Roubideaux, a Southern Ute Tribal member, will be awarded the "Governor's Award for Outstanding Tourism Volunteer," from the Colorado Tourism Office. This award recognizes contributions to the promotion and development of the Colorado Tourism industry. Mrs Naranjo-Roubideaux was selected based on a judge's review, predetermined criteria, and a point system used to evaluate each entry. Mikki will be honored at the Governor's 2009 Colorado Tourism Conference, October 14th, at the Pueblo Convention Center.

Naranjo-Roubideaux humbly credits her Southern Ute ancestors and dedicates the award to her father's lifetime achievement. "My family members have educated me about the importance of where I came from and the pride in my Southern Ute roots. I am dedicating this award to my father, Mr. Eugene Naranjo, thinking of the days he worked Heritage dance presentation at the Pepsi Center, during the "Salute to the American Indians of Colorado." Mikki's role in cultural coordination, dancing, and sharing it with other communities has always been part of her upbringing. Colorado Native Heritage



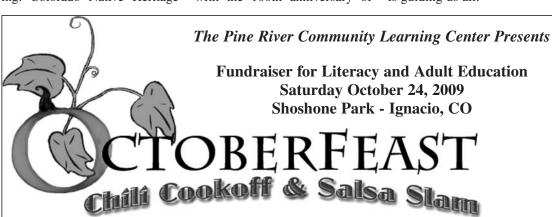
photo courtesy/Sky Ute Casino

Southern Ute Tribal member, Mikki Naranjo-Roubideaux receiving the Governor's Award for Oustanding Tourism Volunteer from Colorado State Governor Bill Ritter.

Tourism has been a constant role and a form of survival for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and she plans too accept this award based on everyone's hard work while continuing to breaking down

stereotypes and barrier's. In 2005, Mikki received her bachelor's degree from Ft. Lewis College, in Durango, in Accounting. She has since gone on to become the CFO for Sky Ute Casino Resort. "This award has not sunk in because I work on major budgets and when I finish, I work on cultural coordination details. This weekend native dancers will participate with the 100th anniversary of

The Garden of the Gods and, in Colorado Springs called "First Nations Day". This is just one event that helps bring Native American dancers together; an event that has historical roots for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. My grandmother recently passed away and out of respect, I will not dance for a year, but my children, husband, and my ancestors will be dancing for me. Cultural outreach has given me a sense of pride, independence, and self-esteem. I know where I belong; who I am, where I need to go and most importantly, I know my Creator is guiding us all."





General Election: November 6, 2009, 7AM-7PM, SunUte Community Center Constitution, Article IV, Section 1: There shall be annual elections held on the first Friday in November. Candidates For Two Tribal Council Seats are:

Howard D. Richards, Sr.

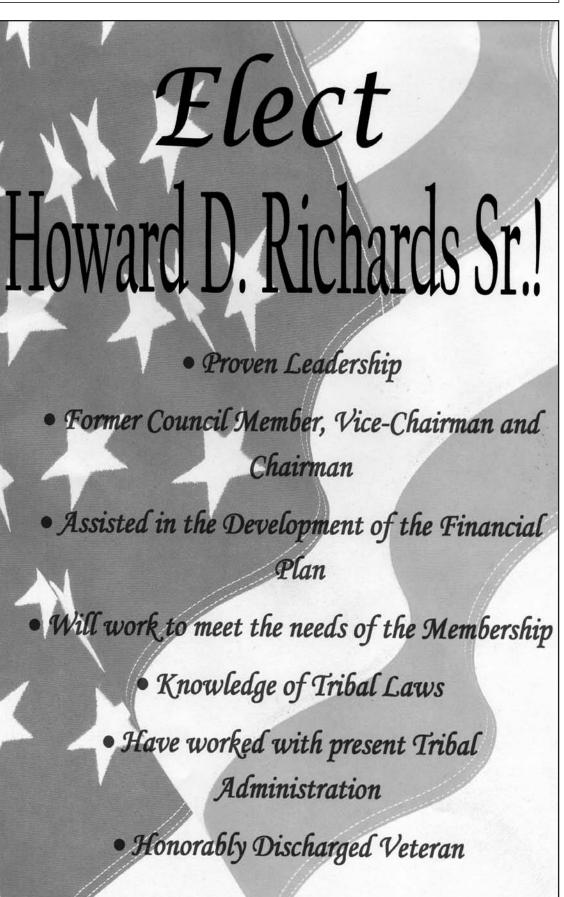
Corliss Taylor Byron Frost Elise Redd

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Official Voter Registration Deadline: October 28, 2009 by 5pm Absentee Ballot request Deadline: October 28, 2009 **Emergency Absentee Deadline: November 5, 2009**

To Southern Ute Tribal Voters: If you would like to vote Absentee Ballot, for the General Election, November 6, 2009. Please call the Southern Ute Election Board (970) 563-2303 or (970) 563-2305; for off reservation Tribal Voters, call 1-800-772-1236.







Economic Summit



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The 3rd Annual Economic Summit took place this year at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio, Colorado. This summit is organized by LEAD (La Plata economic Development Action partnership). The purpose of the summit is an update and informational meeting on economic growth and development within the region. Presenters included speakers from the Medical, Real Estate, Education, Recreation, Technology, Non Profit, and Retail sectors. David Bruzzese, Mercy Medical Center and Stephan Veals, Durango Orthopedics (above) speaking on behalf of the Medical Sector. Also giving a PowerPoint presentation of the regional real estate market were Don Ricedorff and Heather Erb from the Durango Association of Realtors. This full day of informative sessions and networking opportunities took place on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

Bobcat Pride Shines On!





photo courtesy/Ignacio Jr. High School

Ignacio Junior High students recently completed a writing assignment in which they acknowledged the positives in both themselves and in each other. This project, designed to boost self-esteem, has evolved into hand-print posters placed on the Bobcat Pride Wall opposite the jr. high gym. The posters serve as a means for students to comment to one another in a constructive fashion. The pre-write encompassed a self-affirmation part that proved to be both challenging and rewarding for the students, and the posters provide a visual avenue for the recognition of their own talents, gifts, and strength as well as those of others.

Each week, students and staff members write notes to one another which are placed on the individual posters. The notes are accumulated, displayed for a week, and then given to the students. This on-going project has generated a tremendous amount of interest among the student body. When asked, most students reply that the project has made them feel "good" and that the display looks "awesome."

School Principal Chris deKay (above photo) stands with 8th grade student Maylon Newton who volunteered to represent the student body in presenting this project to the school board on Thursday Oct 15, 2009.

Trick-or-Treat, Smell My Feet, Give Me Something Good To Eat!
Have A Safe & Happy Halloween!
From the Staff at the Southern Ute Drum

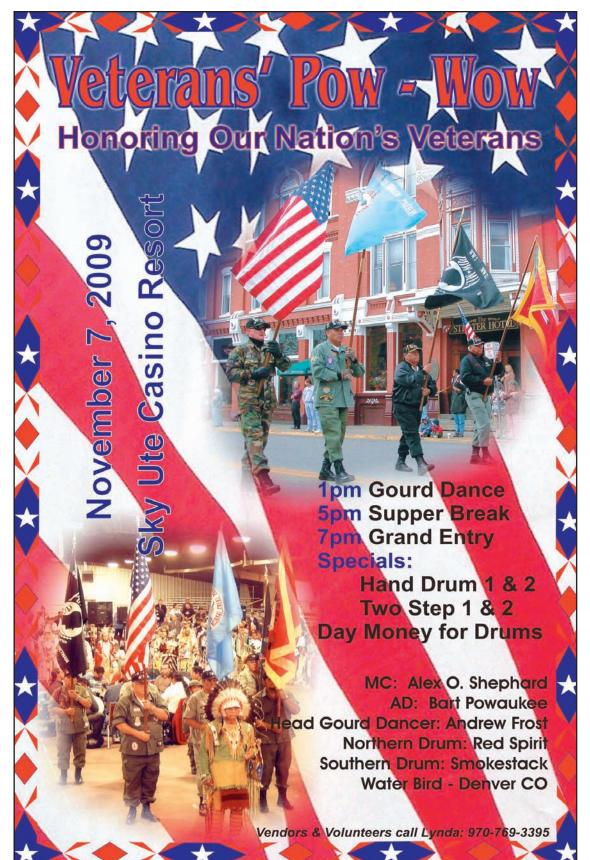
Teaching Technology





photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Members from across the educational field attended an Informational Session on teaching with technology. The emphasis was on key points and advantages to using Smart Boards, Mimio, and Promethian as interactive teaching tools. The technology presentation was fielded by Brian Crane and Jeremy McMinn of the Ignacio School District Technology Department and took place during school on Thursday, October15, 2009. LaTitia Taylor, Director of the Education Department, (top photo), works through some of the teaching tools accompanying the Smart Board Software. Brian Crane (above photo) shows the interactive Internet browsing abilities of this powerful classroom media tool already in use in many of Ignacio's classrooms.



Education



President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500 October 1, 2009

Dear President Obama,

Hello, my name is Shawna Steffler and I am a teacher at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on the Southern Ute Reservation in Ignacio, Colorado. Our reservation consists of 1,443 members with 279 children within the age group of nine to twelve. Presently, our school has 145 students and is part of our tribe's vision of instilling the importance of an education while preserving the culture and the language to

our tribal youth.

My colleague, Ann Peck, and I watched with our students the speech by you regarding education. After the speech we had a discussion and the students reflected on how they were impacted by the speech. The work they produced led to the question "Can we send our letters to the White House and to President Obama?" Naturally, I would follow their desire thus began the writing process. The students rose to the occasion, accepted the constructive criticism with a positive attitude and produced a reflection paper that is worthy of sending to you.

It was a very proud moment

for me as a teacher for I saw all the hard work that our tribe has envisioned upon our youth, the collaboration of our staff at our school and the community within our reservation. But it is the students who persevere through the challenge and I commend them for hoping to better their lives through education.

I want to pass the letters on to you and your staff to let you know we appreciated the time you gave to our students on the importance of an education.

> Sincerely, Ms. Steffler, Ms Anne Peck and the Students of SUIMA

President Barack Obama's Speech

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American President of the United

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education.

By Darien Neskahi

I was inspired by President Obama's speech because I learned that it is my responsibility to get a good education. The reason I want to learn is because I want to become a fashion designer. I want to be a fashion designer because I want to learn how to design my own clothes and my own fashion line. I plan on going to college in New York and studying the fashion industry and sell my fashions all over the world! I am going to be responsible and work hard so I can go to college. I know I need to have good grades and to be responsible for myself. I can do this by bringing in my student planner every day to keep me organized and by doing my homework every week. President Obama talked about the importance of being a responsible student and I hope the Obamas wear my line of clothing!

By Adelle Hight

President Obama's speech really encouraged me to think about the importance of getting a ■ watched President Obama's terrific education. The reason I want an education is because I speech on education at school would be the first person in the and I learned that education is Watts family to go to college. By important. August 31st was the staying in school I will fulfill my first day of school and I learned dream of obtaining a higher eduthat I had to work hard. I will do cation and that would be wondermy homework and bring it back ful for me! I want to join the to school on time. Sometimes I Army after college and serve my make mistakes in school but I country and my tribe. I know I learn from them. If I practice will be ranked higher in the milimath it will become easier, tary as a lieutenant if I graduate spelling is hard but I will try my from college. One of the reasons best. Instead of watching TV or why I will get into college will be playing X-Box all day, I will play because of the Southern Ute football outside to keep me Indian Montessori Academy healthy and strong. I will not teachers such as Ms. Ann, Ms. stay in bed all day when I am tired but draw pictures or read a Shawna and Ms Judi Cole. These people have encouraged me book. I like President Obama because he is cool and a nice every day to do my best and to president. He said if I have an work hard! An education means I could also play on the Women's education and I am responsible I National Basketball Association. can grow up and take care of At my school I am the only girl myself and my grandma. who plays basketball with the By Freedom Hunter boys, they are pretty good but not as good as I am. I understand it President Obama inspired me is my responsibility to study hard in school and I would like to about education and how it is

ing that speech on education. By Alana Watts

thank President Obama for giv-

my teachers I will learn about worldwide information around us. President Obama has to know Last Tuesday President what is happening around the Obama helped me think about world to try to make world peace my future and how I can achieve and he informed us about the my educational goals. My plans importance include joining the S.W.A.T. Education will help my life by team which means Special allowing me to go to college on a Weapons Advanced Tactics or scholarship to play on a college volunteering for the Peace Corp. baseball team or become a Secret Service Agent for the President of After I graduate from high school I want to further my education by the United States of America. I graduating from college because will achieve my goals by getting both of these occupations help good grades by working hard and people and require a college focusing on Ms. Shawna and Ms. degree. After college, I intend to Ann when we are doing a lesson. join the police academy for my I will do my homework every SWAT training and maybe join week and try my best everyday the Peace Corp to help other peountil I graduate. I will never cheat, ple get an education. Miss because it is wrong. I will do Shawna showed me the web site everything I said on this note so on Peace Corp and how I can that I will be a better person. I feel help others overseas. She read an good about writing this because article about a man who was in Barack Obama is my favorite the Peace Corp in Africa and president. It would be cool if I helped educate students in Chad. could send this to President He also built a fence but took it Obama and he reads my letter. down because it was like a wall President Obama and my that shut out the people he was Grandma Phyllis have inspired trying to help. Just think about me to follow my dreams and get what can happen if you close an education to live a better life people off you when they are tryand to have a brighter future. ing to help us? The reason I want to become a responsible, respectable student is that I want to learn from my teacher. I think having a better attitude will help President Obama's speech about me follow directions better and the importance of education. I stay focused in school. Thank

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By Hunter Brassard

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can get an education is to do my homework. It is important to do it because it teaches me responsibility. An education will get me into a college where I can learn about different things then I will have an awesome job. Maybe I will be a writer, no, a doctor, no a President! Oh, I know I'll be a singer. I'll go to singing college in New York and I can make a lot of money. I will come back and take care of my mom, dad, my family, my friends if they are in a rough spot. I was so inspired by President Obama's speech and I want to tell you to stay in school and get an education.

By Jade Richards

President Obama inspired me to go to college to learn about different things. I will go to college but I have to pass junior high and high school. Going to college will be hard but I have great plans to become Chairmen of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe because I want to serve my tribe during the rough times and help people to succeed. In college I want to learn about leadership skills but for now I need to learn to be organized and focused. To accomplish these goals I am going to remember my student planner every day and finish my homework every week. I will keep myself busy by doing extra curriculum activities by reading books on the history of war and pursuing my passion of becoming a pro skateboarder and pro break dancer. I have learned the motto "business before pleasure", which means I will complete my school work before I do my hobbies. These are my future dreams that I hope to accomplish and if President Obama can suc-

ceed, so can I! By Kiefer Goodtracks-Alires

When I heard President Obama's speech I decided that I wanted to be a better student. The reason I want to be a better student is because the rewards can be great for me. Good consequences come from hard work and I feel proud when I finish an assignment and that is my reward. Being a good student is not easy and I will try not to get in trouble this year. President Obama said it's not easy to be a good student and to always try and never give up. If I follow the rules, listen to my teachers and play fair with my friends I should have a good school year. I dream that I will go to college and If I do these things I can get an excellent education and will be able to take care of my grandma and my grandpa. I think President Obama is a nice guy. We all love you, thank you President Obama for your speech on education!

By Seranden Frost

When I heard President Obama's speech it helped me decide to be a better student. The reason I want to do well in school is because I want to go to college and become a doctor. Doctors help people when they are sick and give them the right kind of medicine so they will get well. President Obama said that if I try hard at school I will be able to get into a great college. There are many ways I can be a responsible student. For example, I can wake up early to prepare for my day, have a good breakfast to help me stay on task, read a book instead of playing games, and remember to do my homework every week. These things will help me every day so I can become a better learner at school. But most importantly, I need to listen to my teachers. My teachers keep me focused and on my work every day. Thank you President Obama for helping me understand the importance of getting an education.

By Shoshone Thompson

News Flash Education Department

As of October 2009, the Tribe merged Public and Higher Education, now The Education Department. La Titia Taylor – is the Director, the entire staff can be reached at (970) 563-0237 or (970) 563-0100 plus their extension.

Ellen Baker works with the

to enroll your student with JOM please submit proof on enrollment with a Federally Recognized Tribe or Certificate(s) of Indian Blood showing 1/4 Federally Recognized Tribe's. Note: one can have a combination of various tribes as long as the total amount is 1/4. For more information call.

The Education Department staff and extensions are as follows:

Weaver, Renée - Executive Assistant - 2780 Herrera, Luana - Adult Occupational Training Coordinator - 2782 Blackbird, Travis - Academic Advisor - 2783

Howe, Walter - Distant Learning Coordinator - 2785 Grove-D'Wolf, Lynda - Ute Language Intern - 2786 Broad, Donna - Adult Education Program Manager - 2784 Dines, Winston - GED Chief Examiner - 2784

Baker, Ellen - Education Specialist - 2793 Pratchett, Lisa - Lead Education Counselor - 2792 Vogel, Carrie - Elementary Teacher/Tutor - 2795 Hood, Patsy - Intermediate Teacher/Tutor - 2795 Cummins, Barbara - High School Teacher/Tutor - 2795 Stone, Juli - Junior High School Teacher/Tutor - 2795

Education Department Fax: (970) 563-0382 Johnson O'Malley, they will have a meeting on November 2, 2009 at

5:30pm at the Education Center,

parent's of JOM students are wel-

come to attend. If you would like

All Tutoring programs are for enrolled Southern Ute's, 1st generation descendants of Southern Ute's, Students where the head of house is a Southern Ute and JOM.

Patsy Hood, Intermediate Teach/Tutor, the after school program is Math Club.

Sessions - begin after school and ends at 4:45pm

Math Club for 5th grade -

Mondays Math Club for 6th grade -Tuesdays

Math Club for 4th grade - parents will receive a letter to sign up in next 2 weeks.

Julie Stone, Junior High School Teacher/Tutor.

Tutoring Monday through Thursday (7th & 8th grades) after school until 5pm at the Education Center.

Carrie Vogel, Elementary Teach/Tutor.

All tutoring will November 1, 09.

Barbara Cummins, High School Teacher/Tutor.

Tutoring Monday, through Thursday from 3:35 to 5:45 pm at Room 4 Ms. Searle's room at the Ignacio High School. Also on Friday at the Education Building by appointment call (970) 563-0235.

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Hood Earns BSL Law Degree



Jean Debra Hood, Daughter of Tribal member Orville Hood, granddaughter of the late Edna Shoshone and George Emerson Hood, has completed her BSL Law degree with honors on May of 2009, from Pacific Coast College of Law in Orange Country, California. Debra was secretary of the Pacific Coast student Association. She was honored the K.A. Byne Jurisprudence Award in the fall of 2007 and the Spring of 2008. She will continue her education at Pacific Coast in August of 2009 in International tax law and work toward her residency required to complete her degree, Juris maters Doctorate and State Bar Exam offered in July 2010.

photo courtesy/Joyce Duran



Donut, Sans A Single Sprinkle



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

It was rare in side-out scoring, now practically extinct in rally scoring—a shutout in a high school volleyball set. But it happened inside IHS Gymnasium on October 9. Serving first against the Ouray JV (one of whom is shown here leaving the court stunned afterwards), Ignacio sophomore Brittney Benavidez never stopped restarting play after each point, with plenty of help from her teammates keeping her doing so. OHS' final scoring attempt was thwarted, and Benavidez was the beneficiary from the exchange—she finished what she started with a kill. Improving to 8-4 overall with a defeat of the Lady Trojans then, Ignacio's JV slipped just a notch last Saturday against 3A Bayfield but still stood a surprising 10-5 (9-4 2A/1A SJBL) under coach Jordan Shaffer and assistant Paula Cox entering this week's matches.

IHS Stops Bears, Squeezes SoPeaks Lead

by Joel Priest Special to the Drum

D'Crow (KKDC-FM 93.3, for those relying too greatly on iPods) had the game's radio

But da 'Cats had d'termination, da fans, and d'fense in droves when it mattered most.

'cawl.'

And as D'lores quarterback Austin Knuppel rose d'jectedly from underneath one final pile of Ignacio white jerseys, all that Greene regained a few yards on remained of da Bears' [say it loud, you SNL'ers!] initial homefield advantage last Friday night was play-by-play man Ray McDonnell.

For after both sides waged four quarters of war on the green between the DHS Coliseum bleachers, Ignacio left with not only the satisfaction of a hardfought road win, 14-7 the count, but also the outright lead of the 1A Southern Peaks Conference.

"I thought we were in for a shootout after that first quarter," said offensive coordinator Steve Biery afterwards by the Bobcat bus. "They went down the field on us right away for a touchdown, then we came right back and scored. But the rest of the game was nothing like that!"

Had it not been for senior Josh Plehinger fueling IHS' scoreboard showing—with a 70-yard punt return score and a 60-yard touchdown pass off a doublereversal—classmate Oakley Hayes' right leg might have been in the running [who didn't see that pun coming?] for player-ofthe-game.

Junior Pedro Vigil's like limb converted both point-after kicks to finalize the team's total.

But as evenly as Dolores and Ignacio were matched, field position was all but everything and Hayes' punts were the first line of defense [you saw that one, right?] before the defensive line—and linebackers and secondary-rumbled back out on the field. Three kicks in the final frame alone pinned the Bears inside their own 22-yard line each time.

And made their presences—as a whole or its parts—known in any way possible.

Plehinger, playing cornerback, all but quieted and forced the crowd to hear his shouts to his teammates after back-to-back solo tackles on DHS junior running back Ryan Greene, keying one epic goal-line stand in the third quarter. IHS senior QB/DB Shane Brooks followed the second hit with a fourth-down pass breakup right in Knuppel's face.

The Bears were already hurting [humor me, folks] from their previous possession when senior running back Pasha Hover was escorted off after badly twisting a knee after plowing down to the IHS 40. Hayes then sacked Knuppel—who was bagged five times in all—on the next play, and junior Austin McCracken was summoned to punt after an end-around.

But the 'Cats, after getting possession with 7:50 left in the third, quickly went three-and-out, with a Hayes punt putting Dolores in business at their own 43—the drive died on Brooks' aforementioned PBU.

That gave IHS the ball back with 2:05 left at their 4, but the Bobcats (5-2 overall, 2-0 SPC) quickly broke free from danger. Brooks executed a keeper out to the 19 to convert a third down, and the quarter ended on a pass to Hayes (8-129 receiving, TD) out to the 26.

Unlike the first play of the third, when Brooks was sacked by Greene and then junior Jake Ragland on consecutive snaps, IHS caught DHS (4-4, 2-1) napping to start the fourth. Senior Russell Hubert (7-59 rushing) took a handoff, broke two tackles and motored 34 yards into Bear territory. But just as fast as the potential 96-yard, game-clinching drive bloomed it withered, and Hayes punted to the 21.

Runs by Greene, McCracken, and Ragland netted just four yards, and McCracken boomed a punt that stuck Ignacio at their own 32—but the Bobcats netted just 11 yards and Hayes punted the ball right back down to the DHS 13 with 4:35 left in the

The Bears promptly went three-and-out again, though on second down Knuppel misfired a wide-open Underwood, who had beaten the safeties deep and had an easy 86yard TD in sight.

But the Bears relied on their blitzing-style defense to get them one last possession, and Ragland sacked Brooks for an eight-yard loss on third down, and Hayes hit a punt that was downed at the DHS 16.

An attempted hook-and-lateral would have been a big gainer on first down, but Underwood forgot that once he knelt down to pitch the ball, the play was dead and picked up just three yards instead of 20. Knuppel tried hitting senior Sean McCoy deep on second, but missed, and was then emphatically sacked by IHS senior Chance Wyatt (15 total tackles) and junior Jay Black on third

Finally, Knuppel was swarmed by juniors Ryan Brooks (six total tackles) and Ethan Pearson (12), and senior Tony Hutchinson (11) at the DHS 20 on fourth to send the home fans to the parking lots before Brooks (10-of-21, 87 yds. passing) knelt twice to seal the

triumph. "This was good for us," he said afterwards, "to play a team this tough and win here. Last week [a 56-0 home demolition of Lake County] really didn't help us a

In retrospect, Dolores was probably thinking the same thing about their 43-6 shelling of Center, whom Ignacio will travel to face tonight (7 p.m., Center Community Park). IHS wraps up their regular season next Friday at home against Del Norte-and should, barring catastrophe, repeat as SPC champions.

FOOTBALL FRENZY!

Class 1A Southern Peaks Conference (entering Week 8, 2009)

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	OVERALL			SPO	C	
<u>Team</u>	\mathbf{W}	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	Pct.	\mathbf{w}	$\underline{\mathbf{L}}$	Us/Them
IGNACIO	5	2	.714	2	0	177/100
Dolores	4	5	.500	2	0	159/168
Sargent	4	3	.571	1	1	157/173
Del Norte	1	5	.167	0	2	70/178
Center	0	6	.000	0	1	76/237

Week Seven Breakdown: IGNACIO 14, at Dolores 7; Del Norte at Center PPD [flu danger] UNTIL 10/19, 6:30 p.m.;

Week Eight Rundown: 10/23: IGNACIO at Center, Dolores at Sargent, Del Norte at Alamosa (3A). 10/24: none

[compiled by Joel Priest]

'Cats Think 'Pink,' But BHS' Thoughts Too Hot

Special to the Drum

During Set 3 inside Whalen sloppy—even Gymnasium, a chant arose from the Bayfield 'student section' that, considering their team's defensive stinginess, could have been unleashed upon virtually any of their team's previous 2009

"DOU-ble DIG-its! [Clap... clap... clapclapclap...] DOU-ble DIG-its!"

The rowdies simply saved their best [or worst?] for the last on BHS' list. Not that the Ignacio Volleycats really needed a reminder of how difficult last Saturday's match would be, and was—both at that point, when IHS 'cut' the Lady Wolverines' lead to 22-10 off a BHS backrow error, and overall.

"We were just trying to accomplish playing with our heads up, playing with dignity," said Ignacio senior Ashley Self. "Because we knew it was going to be... tough."

How tough? Both the 'Cats and Lady Wolverines had played 48 sets in 14 matches before the nonleague test, held at Fort Lewis College in Durango. And - using some ice hockey terminology - in those sets, Ignacio was a minus-185 while Bayfield stood a stout plus-404. That is, IHS was outscored by 3.85 points per set, while BHS outscored their enemies by 8.42. Almost dou-ble digits, dou-ble dig-its...

...Which ended up the final average margin as Ignacio came up swept in a 16-25, 14-25, 13-25 loss inside Fort Lewis College's facility, little more than half a day after falling at Dolores (17-25, 15-25, 16-25). DHS got seven kills apiece from Cheyenne McCoy and Keelin Nickerson, 13 digs from both Tess Wallace and Kait Powell, and 21 assists from Cortney Brunner in that sweep.

too down from Dolores," senior Morgan Gantt said. "We were just kind of nervous because we knew how Bayfield's tops in their league. But I think we played pretty well, seeing how it went."

Meanwhile Bayfield (15-0 overall), ranked #3 in Class 3A by Colorado Preps, was about a day and a half removed from snagging the Intermountain League regularseason championship, albeit in five sets at Monte Vista, which undoubtedly stoked their fires when facing IHS.

"I think our kids are motivated with perfection—as far as their play. Not the points, or the games; they're disappointed when they don't do well fundamentally," said head coach Kelley Rifilato. "They're trying

by Joel Priest to finish each play the right way, and they know when it's when we get the point, I think it upsets them."

> Which means they must have pretty rhymes-withkissed inside the first dozen points of each set, as the Volleycats (3-12 overall, 3-10 2A/1A San Juan Basin League) were either even or within easy striking tance on the scoreboard. Ignacio finally had to take a timeout down 19-12 in Set 1, after BHS finally freed themselves for good

from a 12-12

deadlock with senior Shelby Williamson (four aces total) serving.

Set 2 saw IHS draw first blood on a Lady Wolverine net serve, and later take an 8-7 lead on an ace by junior Santana Rodriguez. But the libero netted her next offering, and head 'Cat Bayli Stillwell called time again shortly thereafter, with her team down 11-8 after BHS junior Sierra Aten downed a kill from the right side.

And in Set 3 IHS again came out firing first, with junior Rose Mirabal landing an ace, which was then followed by a Bayfield hitting error for a quick 2-0 Volleycat cushion.

"Traditionally this season we've started off pretty slow," Stillwell said, "so it was nice to see us sort "Well, coming in, we weren't of 'conquer' that a little bit this match."

> But, in a possible preview of this week's SJBL resistance—all matches (10/20 vs. Dove Creek, 10/23 vs. Ridgway, 10/24 at Norwood) were contested after the Drum's deadline—the Lady Wolverines' serve game stood out amongst their solid allaround performance.

> After IHS senior Kayla Lewis netted from the line, putting BHS on serve down 3-4 in Set 3, Lady Wolverine senior Gabriella Rifilato (six kills, six digs, 12 assists) launched three straight un-returnables for an instant 7-4 advantage. The Volleycats' early Set 2 surge was suppressed for good by another Williamson stretch that pushed BHS' lead up to 16-9 before Lewis - Ignacio's setter - emphatically

stuffed middle Jennifer Phelps cold at the strings.

Phelps, howwould ever, counter later with a set-winning ace that shot up into Whalen's ceiling, after sophomore Katherine Rifilato dropped in three earlier aces (of her eight total) to give Bayfield a 21-11 pad.

And Set ended on a Katherine Rifilato—who led BHS with seven killsace that fell in front of a prone, outstretched

"Yeah [Bayfield's serving] tough—I give



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Working with a bad case of 'denial,' as her teammates watch from the bench at rear, Ignacio senior Ashley Self skies to stuff Bayfield freshman Jennifer Phelps (9) during last Saturday's "Pink Digs for the Cure III" match inside Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium. "We were actually ahead of Bayfield a few times, which was great," Self said afterwards.

them props for that," Gantt said.

"It's tough for us to practice against ourselves!" said Kelley Rifilato. "Like if you set a goal of so many passes or so many hits, or whatever, and you can't pass the ball because the servers are so good.... I hope that's our advantage down the road."

Ignacio's individual stats had not been finalized for either the Dolores or Bayfield matches as of Monday morning.

"We're doing some things we've been working on in practice and putting them into play in the games, so that's really nice to see that my girls are focused enough to do that," said Stillwell. "But it's the end of the season... we just need to start winning. We've got a week left of conference, then districts, and [pauses] we've just got to figure out how to win."

But the seriousness of winning or losing faded quickly into the background, as the Pine River Valley v-ball battle kicked off Pink Digs for the Cure III, when neither side sported its official hues in lieu of pink jerseys during CHSAA's 'Think Pink' salute to National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

And again, more than \$22 thousand was raised as the target of 75 digs was finally - IHS and BHS combined for the first 36 - hit during the afternoon's NCAA Division II battle between FLC and Nebraska-Kearney. Fittingly, a local booked Dig #75 - 2007 Durango grad Chelsea Flaming of the host Skyhawks.

"I did?" She said afterwards, following a 25-19, 14, 17 loss to the Lopers. "That's really cool!"

"I like helping, and when you high-five the breast cancer survivors... I don't know - it's just a really awesome feeling," said Self. "You give them hope and also [through the event] you're giving someone else hope down the road."

"When [FLC head coach] Shelly Aaland and I spoke last summer about the idea," said Terene Foutz, Pink Digs director and Stillwell's predecessor at IHS, "she got very excited because she doesn't have a 'pink' event-yet. But now she does, we're in her 'house' and we're honored the Skyhawks allowed us to host it in their venue."

"It's a beautiful event, and it's nice to see we can do something that's not just for us-it's not about our stats today," Stillwell said. "It's really just celebrating people that fight hard for different things in their lives...and to realize that when you want to get down on yourself, there's women in the stands that fought through something more, and they just want to see you have fun for them."



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Bayfield's Sierra Aten wants to pull—or tip a fast one on the Volleycats during last Saturday's "Pink Digs for the Cure III", but first Mirabal. has to contend with the double-block of IHS seniors Ashley Self (3) and Kristie Ribera (25). The non-league match was held at Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium this year.

Misc

to accommodate four hunters

hunting small cats. Thus, we

were unable to fill our tags for

the Civet, Genet, and Caracal

that we had hoped to hunt.

Muz and Marla Pinnecoose with an African Warthog Muz during a South African hunt.

Ernest "Muz" Pinnecoose Special to the Drum

It was nearing dusk and the South African crescent moon smiled in the clear sky above us as our professional hunter guided my wife and me through the tall wheat stalks to the edge of the alfalfa fields. It was a local sweet spot for warthogs and bushpigs. Considering it was our last night of hunting plains game in South Africa, I was hopeful that I would be able to leave with a successful warthog kill.

Seven days of hunting didn't seem enough time to engulf all that South Africa had to offer. Our party of four, Clint Smith of Bayfield, his son and Southern Ute Descendent Clayson Smith, my wife Marla Pinnecoose, and myself, a Southern Ute Tribal Member, had spent most of our time during the week sitting in blinds and watching the wildlife that, until this week, only lived in magazine photos and television shows for us. Time seemed to have flown by us, just as fast as the Impala we had hunted during the week.

Our first evening in the hunting lodge outside the small Limpopo Province town of Mokopane, we absorbed the experience of grassroofs, glorious valleys and the smells of South African adventures that awaited us. The jetlag of our long journey from Ignacio, Colorado to Johannesburg, South Africa, would have to wait. As we finished supper that evening, Carel Potgieter, one of the professional hunters that assisted our outfitter, Data Safaris, spotted a Vervet monkey outside the lodge window. "Does someone want to kill a monkey?" he asked, as he pointed out the window to the foraging creature no bigger than a basketball.

As we all attempted to collect our thoughts of a free-roaming

monkey outside the window, Peter Murphy, another American hunter staying at the lodge, decided to shoot it. With his camera. In the United States, monkeys roam inside cages at the zoo. Not outside your house window, trying to steal the bird food. We would learn, as part of our South African experience, that monkeys are as plentiful and pesky as prairie dogs in Colorado. Driving down the highway, one could see numerous families of monkey sitting along the roadside and watching the humans zip by in cars. We

Despite the lack of small cats in our hunt, we were all satisfied with the harvest we had made and the endless species of animal that we saw. Although we didn't see any of the Big Five (Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Cape Buffalo, and Rhinoceros), we learned that those particular animals are kept on private or special reserves. Hunting permits for the Big Five range between



Clayson Smith with his African Impala.

For the next several days, our party was successful in harvesting plains game and fowl, including Kudu, Impala, Duiker, Warthogs and Guinea fowl. Although we purchased a small cats safari, we learned that small cat hunting in South Africa is very difficult and different from methods used in the United States. Small Cat hunting in South Africa does not permit the use of dogs in limited areas and, in some areas; it does not permit the use of spotlights. Moreover, our outfitter had limited logistics

ing upon the species. The South African government is currently considering removing the lion as an eligible hunt, in order to protect the population. Altogether, our party sighted Kudu, Gemsbok, Nyala, Impala, Mongoose, Monkeys, Warthogs, Bushpig, Klipspringer, Duiker, Ostrich, and Guinea fowl, as abundant as the Buffalo that used to roam the plains centuries ago.

> As the sun set and the sky darkened over the alfalfa field, Carel whispered excitedly under his binoculars, "I see a big warthog. It's a good one!" I could barely make out a dark blob at the end of the field.

> "Can you see it, Muz?" Carel whispered.

"I think so," I replied. The idea of a big warthog kill made my heart pulse faster. I looked through the riflescope and shot at the dark blob.

As we headed down the field, in hopes of finding a dead warthog, we could barely see anything in the dark. Our hopes diminished as there was no warthog in the vicinity. After searching for thirty minutes, Carel spotted some small drops of blood on the field. I had hit it, but, hopefully, I had hit it in a spot that would eventually kill him. We all searched with our small flashlights for more blood. After another thirty minutes, and larger spots of blood, we tracked the dead warthog about seventyfive yards away in some tall grass. Carel was right. It was a big warthog and the best way to end my South African adventure. There was no doubt in my mind at that moment that I would be back someday for more, hopefully to hunt the Duggaboy of the Dark Continent.

South African Hunting Experience Beware, Autumn Salespeople

Southern Ute Police Department

 \mathbf{A}_{s} the weather turns cold, the autumn leaves fall and the traveling salesmen blow onto the Southern Ute Reservation. The Southern Ute Police Department receives numerous complaints about salespeople in the area this time of year. While some salespeople are legitimate in visiting your home, there are some that are out to take advantage of you and your family. All legitimate door-to-door salespeople have a license to sell merchandise from Southern Ute Police Department. This license or receipt will contain the peddler's name or business and the date of expiration. Without the license from SUPD, they have no right to be selling on the reservation, and

Media Notice these individuals may be subject to criminal trespass charges.

> If a salesperson seems too eager to get inside your home, don't let them inside. They maybe setting you up for a return visit when you are not at home. Pay attention if they are looking at your possessions more than their product. They may be looking for things to steal later. If you invite them inside, don't leave jewelry, valuables, or money in plan sight. Many burglaries are committed by people that scouted their victims by being inside the home first posing as a salesperson.

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Agricultural Cost Share Program

for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for 2010 Cost-share program. The Cost-share program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation within the Animas, Florida, and Los Pinos watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/ improvements. Majority of costs are covered by the Tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as gated pipe,

side-roll sprinkler, or riparian The Water Quality Program fencing are implemented.* Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds.

Applications are available on the 2nd floor of the Annex building, or call project manager Katie Holgate at (970) 563-0135 for more information.

*Due to limited funding not all applicants will be funded. Projects are judged based upon the potential to reduce Ag-related pollution and to improve water

Environmental Programs: 116 Mouache Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: 970-563-0135 Fax: 970-563-0384 E-mail: kholgate@southernute.nsn.us



A Reservation Success



photo courtesy/SU Division of Wildlife

Hard work and persistence paid off for Tribal member, Ray Torres when he harvested this trophy 9 x 9 bull elk on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation this year.

La Plata County USBC/Rolling Thunder Lanes **Native American Bowling League**

Team Captain Meeting: Wed., Oct. 28, 2009 • 6 pm at Rolling Thunder Lanes, Ignacio, CO Meeting will cover: League Fees, Start/End Dates, etc. Members must provide Tribal ID/CIN & Current USBC membership to be eligible to participate.

To register team or more information contract:

Rolling Thunder Lanes (970) 563-1707 or League Secretary (970) 769-7745

Men's 35 & Older **Basketball League**

Basketball Players, Men 35 and older Games start November 17. 2009 Deadline to sign up: Nov. 16, 12 noon \$250 Entry fee/team

Games wil be played on Tuesday nights from 6 pm - 9 pm

To sign up, or for more information contact **Damon WhiteThunder** (970) 563-0214 Ext. 2652

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Volleyball Players, Men & Women 16 and older **Games begin November 4, 2009** Deadline to sign up: Mon., Nov. 2, 5pm \$250 Entry fee/team

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> **For more information contact Angelo Valdez** (970) 563-0214



Muz Pinnecoose with his African Kudu.



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In the Estate of, Case No.: 2009-139-PR ANTHONY P. TOBIAS, SR., Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO. Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 10:00 AM.All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the

matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 30th of September, 2009 Trennie R. Burch, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2009-133-NC NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE AMYA IRIS-CHERRY PHILLIPS, Civil Subject

Notice: Notice is hereby given that Amya Iris-Cherry Phillips filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Amya Iris-Cherry Hillis. As of September 28, 2009 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Amya Iris-Cherry Phillips name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Amya Iris-Cherry Hillis.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2009. Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Request For Proposal

CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLE STORAGE SOUTHERN UTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

OWNER: Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division 293 Mouache Circle P.O. Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137 Contact: Tom Brown at (970) 563-5504 or Jerry Thomas at (970) 563-5503.

Separate sealed bids for the concrete and gravel road work will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Utilities Division located at 293 Mouache Circle, Ignacio CO 81137 until 11:00 am May 16th, 2008. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and returned unopened.

The work site is located in Southwestern Colorado, La Plata County and is within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Reservation. The physical address of the Wastewater Treatment Facility is 16364 State

The Southern Ute to reject any and ity in bids and to opinion to e in the Ute Indian Tribe.

Highway 172, Ignacio, CO 81137.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO Code has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any Native American Owned company. To receive this preference, Native owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given Indian preference. For information about certification, contact the TERO office at (970) 563-0117. Indian employment preference is required for all employers on this project in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion to e in the best interest of the Southern

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Closing Date 11/3/09 - SU Shared Services Responsible for leading the internal PeopleSoft HCM analysts, developers and user group; managing identified projects, upgrades or development as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support; and, supervising the PeopleSoft HCM Analyst and Developer positions.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

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Family Practice Physician

Closes 10/23/09 - This is a contract position responsible for providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family practice to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center.

Clinical Director

Closes 10/23/09 - This is a contract Clinical Management position responsible for organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met.

Fitness Trainer

Closes 10/27/09 - Responsible for fitness evaluation, exercise prescription, personal training and fitness activities related to the Fitness component of the Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director.

Lands Technician (2 Positions)

Closes 10/29/09 - Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits and general land management related issues.

Financial Literacy Program Trainer

Open Until Filled - Trainer position for an Enrolled Tribal Member or local Native American to conduct classes for the Financial Literacy Program for Tribal Members. The goal of the Financial Literacy Program is to enhance the knowledge of Tribal Members in day to day financial decisions including banking, utilization of credit and investing.

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KSUT Public Radio is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. This is a non-paid position which requires attending monthly meetings with additional special meetings as needed. Dinner is provided. KSUT is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Eddie Box, Jr. at KSUT, Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

KSUT Seeks Board Member

Head Start Accepting Bids

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start and Early Head Start is accepting bids for painting to the gym and hallways of the main building. Work will have to be done while Center is closed - week of Thanksgiving or Christmas break. For specifications please call the Center at (970) 563-4566 and ask for Char. Deadline for bid submission is Friday, October 30th, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. EOEE/AA.

SUIT Wildlife Division Seeks Tribal Member Advisory Board

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Wildlife Division are presently seeking interested enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill two (2) vacant seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. This 7-member Board, first established by the Council in 2005, works closely with the Wildlife Division and Rangers in planning, reviewing, and recommending various actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members who are not already employed by the Tribe are compensated at an hourly rate for meeting participation. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to participate in all meetings is expected. To be eligible to serve on the Board, a Tribal Member must not have committed a hunting or fishing related violation in the past 5 years. Also, knowledge of the Tribe's hunting and fishing resources and its approach to wildlife management is preferred. Eligible Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Interested eligible applicants will be considered for a Board appointment by the Tribal Council. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130.

SUCAP - Job Announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4517 Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Home Chore Aide

Open Until Filled - SUCAP Senior Center Looking for someone to assist elderly persons with light housekeeping on a PT weekly basis. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Must have valid Colorado driver's license and be insurable by SUCAP and Tribal insurance. Must have or be able to obtain CPR and First Aid certificate within 45 days of hire. Must pass the criminal history background check.

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open Until Filled - SUCAP Youth Services

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Southern Ute Ethics Committee Vacancies

The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from tribal Members to fill vacancies for two "Member-At-Large" positions on the Ethics Committee. **Qualifications are:**

- Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality,
- Have a familiarity with tribal government,
- Be of good character, active, conversant with proven responsibility in tribal community affairs.

The Ethics Committee meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100.00 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice Center, 149 CR 517 by October 16, 2009. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

Human Resources Department: (970) 563-3387 • Fax: (970) 563-3367 PO Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours 8 am - 5 pm Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: www.skyutecasino.com

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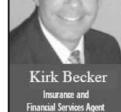
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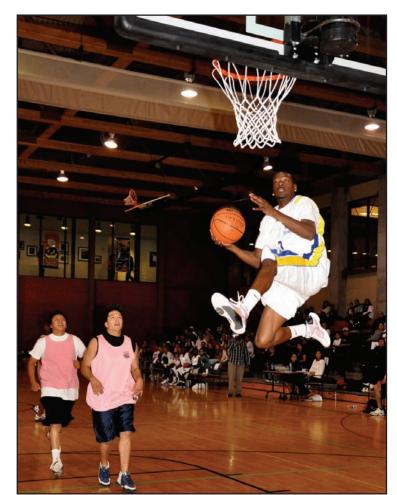


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Native American Street Ball Tour Returns To SunUte





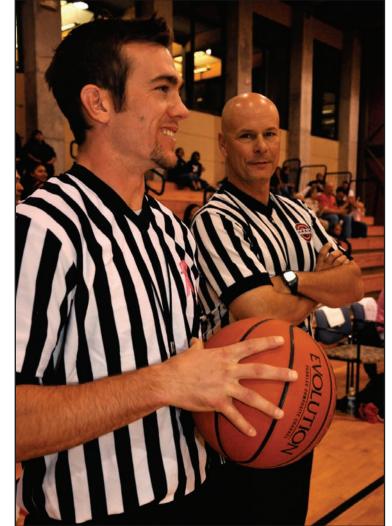








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The Native American Streetball Tour featuring the And-1 Streetball Team paid a visit to SunUte for the second consecutive year. The streetballers challenged the Southern Ute All-Stars, a basketball team championed by local talent. The game was full of fast paced action, extraordinary ball handling skills, and back-to-back slam dunk performances. The players fielded questions from members of the Boys & Girls Club during halftime. The exhibition basketball game was followed by And-1 players signing autographs for all those in attendance.



